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Govt. revokes ban on taking photos at its offices

BENGALURU

The State government early on Saturday withdrew the order banning photography and videography inside its offices. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that he was unaware of the order that was passed on Friday.

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Olympiad mode

Game-ready: Chennai's Napier Bridge painted like a chessboard ahead of the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad to be held in Mamallapuram near the city from July 28. • S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

Cong. denies allegation against Ahmed Patel

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday denied the allegation made by the Gujarat Police that the late Ahmed Patel, veteran party leader, had conspired with social activist Teesta Setalvad and former IPS officer R.B. Sreekumar to "destabilise" the Gujarat government led by then Chief Minister Narendra Modi. The party called the allegation "manufactured".

Congress general secretary (Communications) Jairam Ramesh said the allegation was part of Mr. Modi's "systematic strategy to absolve himself of any responsibility for the communal carnage unleashed when he was CM of Gujarat in 2002."

The Gujarat Police's Special Investigation Team (SIT) had made these claims in an affidavit opposing Ms. Setalvad's bail application before a sessions court in the State.

The attempt, Mr. Ramesh said, was aimed at vilifying a deceased person, who cannot defend himself.

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U.P. court denies bail to Zubair

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A Lakhimpur Kheri court on Saturday denied bail to Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair in a case registered against him for fact-checking a report broadcast by a Hindi television channel.

This came a day after a Delhi court granted bail to Mr. Zubair in a case related to a tweet of 2018.

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Jagdeep Dhankhar is NDA's V-P candidate

'Kisan putra' overcame many hurdles to reach here: Nadda

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J.P. Nadda on Saturday evening declared that West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar would be the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate for the post of Vice-President.

The announcement was made at a press conference after a meeting of the BJP's Parliamentary Board, the party's highest decision-making authority, which includes Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Roads and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

"BJP's Parliamentary Board has come to the decision that we nominate '*kisan putra*' (son of a farmer) Jagdeep Dhankhar as the NDA's candidate for Vice-President," Mr. Nadda said after the meeting.

Long public life

"We all know that Jagdeep Dhankhar-*ji* is currently West Bengal Governor and has been in public life for over three decades. He belongs to a family of farmers and he overcame socioeconomic hurdles in his life to go on to achieve big in public life," Mr. Nadda said.

"He grew up in a village in Jhunjhunu district, and he studied in a village school and later went to a Sainik School in Chittorgarh district on a full merit scholarship. He later got a degree in physics from Rajasthan University and a degree in law. He is a first-generation professional as a lawyer, and in a very short time, he established himself as a meritorious lawyer in the Rajasthan High Court and later the Supreme Court as well. He fought the Lok Sabha election in 1989, and was Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs in 1990. He also became an MLA for Kishangarh in Alwar district of Rajasthan," Mr. Nadda said.

"We know that his image as a Governor has been that of a people's Governor. All these things were kept in mind as the BJP nominated him to be the NDA nominee for the post of Vice-President," Mr. Nadda added.

Stint as Bengal Governor

Mr. Nadda did not provide any further details on the nomination date. July 19 is the last date to file nominations.

As West Bengal Governor, Mr. Dhankhar has had differences of opinion and run-ins with the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress government and has been steadfast in his views over his constitutional space as Governor.

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Rise to the top

1951: Jagdeep Dhankhar was born on May 18 in an agrarian household in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district

1989: Elected MP from Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan on Janata Dal ticket

1990: Served as Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs

1993: Elected MLA from Kishangarh, Alwar district, Rajasthan

2007-08: Joined BJP

2019: Appointed Governor of West Bengal on July 30

Modi cautions against culture of freebies

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday cautioned against the culture of distributing freebies for votes. Speaking at the inauguration of Bundelkhand Expressway in Jalaun in Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Modi said the "*revri* culture" would take the new India towards darkness. "There are some governments which are indulging in *revri* culture to secure votes, while the double engine government is working towards creating new expressways and rail routes," Mr. Modi said.

The PM described infrastructure development in backward areas as a form of social justice as industrial development and connectivity should not remain a priority only for big cities. "When the double engine government creates expressways, power projects, provides gas, toilets and pucca houses in the backward areas like Bundelkhand, it leads to true social justice," he said.

Built at a cost of ₹14,854 crore, the 296-km long Bundelkhand Expressway will connect Etawah to Chitrakoot and reduce travel time between Delhi and Chitrakoot to six hours.

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At the ready: Mahouts and assistants at the Kozhikamuthi elephant camp in the Anamalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu where marauding wild elephants are brought to after capture.

Role change: Chinnathambi, which was captured in 2019, is now trained to guide captured elephants from the wild.

Preventive therapy: An assistant applies a neem oil-based medicinal concoction on the limbs of an elephant to guard against infections.

At the elephant camp

The Kozhikamuthi camp in the Anamalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu has 26 elephants

TEXT BY WILSON THOMAS AND IMAGES BY M. PERIASAMY

Kozhikamuthi, a Malasar tribal settlement in the core area of the Anamalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu, is known for the occupation its men have been taking up for generations – capturing, taming and handling wild elephants for the Forest Department. This is the second elephant camp of the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, after the one at Theppakkadu in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.

A wild elephant which is a habitual crop raider or has a history of killing people is captured and taken to the camp when conditioning efforts and translocation fail. Experienced *kumkis* (tuskers trained for special operations) are used for the capturing operation and the elephant is lodged in a kraal (wooden enclosure meant for training). A mahout (elephant handler) and a *cavadi* (assistant) are assigned to teach the animal basic commands. After the training, which usually takes three months, the animal is released. Mahouts at the camp say they consider their elephants as another member of their families. The bond between a captive elephant and its men gets stronger as days go by.

The day at the camp starts at 6 a.m. when the elephants are taken to a stream for a shower. After the bath, a neem oil-based solution is applied on the lower limbs and nails to keep off infections. The elephants are fed a nutritious breakfast of *kali* (made of boiled finger millet flour), boiled rice, salt, jaggery, a coconut and pieces of sugar cane. The mahouts and assistants make the camp elephants follow tasks and commands. The men then take them to the lush forest patches around the camp for grazing till evening.

Robust, agile and "obedient" tuskers at the camp are chosen for the role of *kumkis*. Kaleem, now aged 57, is the most trusted and experienced *kumki* of the camp, which is now home to 26 elephants. Muthu (20), who earned the nickname Arisiraja for raiding houses and shops for rice, is the last member of the camp to have undergone training in a kraal. Mahouts feel that Chinnathambi, 24, another robust tusker captured in 2019, can be made into a reliable *kumki*.

Taking the plunge: Elephant handlers give a bath to the camp elephants.

Food time: Elephants wait for breakfast as visitors arrive at the camp to watch the feeding.

Bommai urges people to take precaution dose in 75 days

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai launching a free vaccination programme in Bengaluru on Saturday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has called upon those above 18 years of age to get the free COVID-19 precaution dose vaccination as part of the Amrit Mahotsav drive over the next 75 days.

Speaking after launching the drive on Friday, Mr. Bommai said about 7,500 vaccination centres have been opened for the campaign with health workers to cover the targeted people.

The Chief Minister appreciated the work of doctors, nurses, paramedical staff and officers for their selfless service that helped the State tackle the pandemic. As a result, the State has achieved 102% coverage of the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination, with 5.49 crore vaccinations.

About 5.42 crore people have been vaccinated with the second dose. "This is an excellent achievement," he said.

Reservation roster for BBMP will be notified in a few days: Ashok

State government to abide by Supreme Court's eight-week deadline

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The reservation roster for the newly delimited 243 wards of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will be notified over the next few days and the State government will abide by the eight weeks deadline set by the Supreme Court, said Revenue Minister R. Ashok.

Accepting the State government's affidavit, the apex court had on May 20 set an eight-week deadline for the government to complete delimitation of 243 wards and notify the roster of reservation for these wards to hold the much delayed civic polls. The government notified the delimited wards on July 14. Justice Bhaktavatsalam Committee is studying the OBC representation in the local bodies in the State to decide on the reservation for the same.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Head Office at Hudson Circle, in Bengaluru. •FILE PHOTO

Amidst reports that the State government may seek more time from the SC, Mr. Ashok said that the roster will mostly be published over the next two days and the State government will submit both the delimitation and reservation roster notifications to the apex court on July 22, when the case is again listed for hearing.

Speaking at the BJP workers' meet of Bengaluru South District, Mr. Ashok said the party had set them a target to win 150 council seats in the upcoming civic polls and this would be a semi-final to the upcoming Assembly polls. He expressed confidence that the city would support the party, given the slew of development works taken up by the State government over the last three years.

CID files charge sheet in Chandru murder case

'He was killed when he tried to intervene to stop a fight'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has filed the charge sheet in the Chandru murder case, reported in J.J. Nagar on April 4, that became controversial as the Home Minister initially claimed and later retracted that the victim was killed because he did not speak in Urdu.

The CID charge sheet, explaining the circumstances that led to the murder, said the accused picked a fight with the victim's friend for "staring at him", which eventually led to a fight in which the victim was killed.

What happened

The charge sheet says Chandru and his friend, Simon, had been to a bakery in Hosaguddadahalli around 2.30 a.m. on the fateful night, and as they were entering the bakery after parking their scooter, the prime accused in the case, Shahid Pasha, took objection to Simon "staring at him" and abused him.

> Though the charge sheet mentions that the accused asked the complainant to speak in Urdu, the circumstances explained in the charge sheet clearly indicates the murder was not over language.

When Simon replied, and abused him verbally, Shahid Pasha said he did not understand Kannada, and asked him to repeat the same in Urdu during the fight. The situation turned worse with Shahid Pasha and Simon coming to blows. As Chandru tried to intervene and stop the fight, the accused stabbed him in the thighs, the charge sheet says.

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Contradicting the Home Minister's initial claims, the then City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant had publicly clarified that the murder was not over language, for which BJP hit back at him and accused him of misleading the Home Minister. The case was eventually transferred to the CID, which has now filed the charge sheet in the case, confirming the version of events reported by the city police.

'Fixing of population size aimed at helping BJP'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Senior Congress leader and former Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Saturday termed 'unscientific' the delimitation of wards in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and said no criteria was adopted for fixing population size uniformly.

Delimitation of wards has been done to the benefit of the ruling BJP and not to the convenience of residents of Bengaluru. The number of wards in Congress segments has reduced from 103 to 98, he said.

Mr. Reddy alleged discrimination in fixing the size of wards and said the population size in constituencies represented by Congress MLAs, on an average, was 36,753, while it was 33,927 in those represented by BJP MLAs. The size of wards in Govindarajanagar was less than 30,000 people. Citing another example, he said while the average population size in Chamarajpet wards was 39,000, it was 32,000 in Chikpet constituency.

Mr. Reddy said the party would file objections on delimitation of wards after consultations with lawyers on Monday.

At the behest of RSS

KPCC working president Ramalinga Reddy alleged that the BBMP commissioner, joint commissioners and revenue officials have not been involved in the delimitation of wards. The number of wards increased at the behest of RSS and BJP leaders. The BBMP commissioner has only signed the notification and inserted the BBMP seal on the notification, Mr. Reddy claimed.

The Urban Development Department had notified the draft of the delimitation of wards and the number of wards increased from 198 to 243. The department has received 3,833 objections, a majority of them over naming of wards.

Three held for drug peddling

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Acting on a tip-off that a gang was peddling drugs near Magadi Road, sleuths from the Anti Narcotics Wing of Central Crime Branch raided and caught three peddlers.

The police recovered a huge cache of narcotics worth ₹90 lakh, 940 g of hashish oil and 10 kg of ganja. The arrested have been identified as Seeta, Sumitra and Chandrashekhar, all residents of the city.

The trio were procuring narcotics from Visakhapatnam and selling them in the city for a higher price, the police said.

Four-year-old killed in accident at Whitefield

The child was hit by a speeding car

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A four-year-old boy was killed in an accident when a speeding car hit him while he was playing in front of his house in Sadaramangala, Whitefield.

The deceased has been identified as Krishna Bahadur Katayat, the son of Shankar Bahadur Katayat, an employee in a private firm.

Severe head injuries

On Friday around 9.15 p.m., Krishna was playing in front of his house on Kodigehalli Main Road, Sadaramangala. A speeding car from the opposite end mowed him down. The boy suffered severe head injuries.

The car driver, Deep Jose, rushed to the boy's rescue and immediately took him to a private hospital nearby. However, the boy succumbed to injuries later in the night.

Acting a complaint by the boy's father, the Whitefield Traffic Police have booked Deep Jose for causing death due to negligence.

The case is being probed further.

Reduce use of plastic, refill toiletries at mobile station

Hasiru Dala Innovations has come up with a portable refilling water station as an alternative to single-use plastic water bottles. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

OLIVIA DEBROY
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BENGALURU

Buying toiletries that come in plastic bottles every month only adds waste to the ecosystem. But what if you could refill your share every month, reducing your share of plastic? That's an idea that a group of youngsters in Mumbai turned into a start-up firm Refillable, which has a mobile truck going to apartment communities to have residents refill detergents, dishwash, handwash, floor cleaner, toilet and bathroom cleaner in their own bottles.

The start-up recently entered Bengaluru in collaboration with city-based Hasiru Dala Innovations working in the sustainability sector.

Lokesh Sambhawani, co-founder of Refillable, said sustainability needs to be made simple, affordable and accessible to people. "Like us, we thought some people would want to reduce waste. So slowly, we started creating a group, and in no time, we had a community of 2,000 people refilling from us," he explained.

"Our business model is to tackle packaging waste. We are not producing anything, but want to help brands on one hand and customers on the other to reduce packaging," he said.

At present, Refillable works with a set of niche brands making organic products helping them remove packaging and act as their distribution channel as well.

"There is a lot of innovation happening in the sustainability space in alternative packaging materials and refillables is just one of them, where the focus is on eliminating packaging waste for a set of products that the consumers use daily. So, it is trying to change the behaviour by making it convenient for the consumers rather than making it difficult," said Shekar Prabhakar, CEO and co-founder of Hasiru Dala Innovations. "We are going to evolve into a sharing economy that will eventually simplify and make the packaging industry itself sustainable. Right now, the way forward we think is to make mobile refill stations more accessible and eventually ten years down the line, we hope they will no longer be needed and the brands themselves take responsibility," Mr. Sambhawani said.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY — FIRST CORRIGENDUM TO THE E-TENDER NOTICE No. RFP No. Dy.CE/CJU/JSM/21

Name of the work: RFP No. Dy. CE/C/ JU/JSM/01 - MAJOR UPGRADATION OF JAISALMER RAILWAY STATION OF JODHPUR DIVISION OF NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode. In the aforesaid E-Tender Notice, the following documents have been changed in place of earlier uploaded documents, details are as under -

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1.	Advertised Value	Rs. 134,00,00,000.00	Rs. 127,37,00,223.00
2.	Bid Security	Rs. 68,50,000.00	Rs.65,18,500.00
3.	EPC Agreement	EPC Agreement with Schedule	EPC Agreement as corrected in first corrigendum
4.	RFP Document	RFP Document JSM	RFP as corrected in first corrigendum
5.	Schedule DA	Schedule DA	Schedule DA as corrected in first corrigendum
6.	Schedule DB	Schedule DB	Schedule DB as corrected in first corrigendum
7.	Schedule DC	Schedule DC	Schedule DC 1 as corrected in first corrigendum
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9.	New document.	-	Schedule DC 3 added in first corrigendum
10.	New document	-	Ansa Line Diagram ade added in first corrigendum
11.	New document	-	Cost summary revised added in first corrigendum
12.	New document	-	DRP part first added in first corrigendum
13.	New document	-	DPR part Second added in first corrigendum
14.	New document	-	DPR part Third added in first corrigendum
15.	New document	-	DPR PART fourth added in first corrigendum

The above amendments have been incorporated on the IREPS web portal. All other particulars of the original Tender Notice will remain unchanged.

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Department of Forests, Environment & Climate Change
Government of Jharkhand

Notice Inviting RFP (Request for Proposal) For Selection, OF

"Technical Consultant and Transaction Adviser for Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Manage the Bio-Diversity Park at Lalkhatanga, Ranchi through Public Private Partnership (PPP)."

RFP No. 01/2022-23 **Dated 13/07/2022**

The Forests, Environment and Climate Change Department, Government of Jharkhand is planning to develop the Bio-diversity Park at Lalkhatanga, Ranchi on the concept of Eco-Tourism as per International Standards.

Therefore Request for Proposals (RFP) is invited from Prospective Applicants for Preparing technical and financial appraisal report, bid documents, the Master Plan, the Project feasibility Report, other Project documents and the Manual of Standards and Specifications for operation and maintenance of the eco-tourism facilities of the Project. The intending RFP Applicant are advised to visit the area and form their own opinion. No cost for this purpose will be paid by the State Govt.

Interested RFP Applicants may download the sale of RFP document from the website **https://www.forest.jharkhand.gov.in/** or e-procurement site of the Government of Jharkhand i.e. **https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in**

The RFP Applicants are advised to study the RFP document carefully. Submission of Bids shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the RFP document with full understanding of its implications. The RFP Applicants downloading the RFP document from the website should deposit the RFP Tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand) Only in the form of DD or Banker's Cheque issued in favour of D.F.O, Ranchi Forest Division, Ranchi shall be payable by the RFP Applicants at the time of submission of Technical Proposal alongwith Financial Proposal. The Applicant shall furnish as part of its proposal a bid security of Rs. 1.00 Lakh (Rupees One Lakh) only in the form of a Demand Draft issued by one of the Nationalised/Scheduled Banks in India in favour of the DFO, Ranchi Forest Division, Ranchi payble at Ranchi.

Schedule of Events

	Event Description	Date
1.	Last date for receiving queries/clarifications	30.07.2022
2.	Pre-Proposal Conference through Video Conferencing	10.08.2022
3.	Authority Response to Queries	16.08.2022
4.	Proposal Due Date or PDD	20.08.2022 by 11.00 AM
5.	Opening of Proposals	On Proposal 20.08.2022 (01.00 PM)
6.	Validity of Applications	90 days of Proposal Due Date
7.	Place for Submission of Proposals	O/o DFO, Ranchi Forest Division, Ranchi, Block- F, Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi-834002
8.	Place of Opening of the Proposals	O/o APCCF, Development, Block-A, Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi-834002

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Notice Inviting Tender
"Invitation of Bid for grant of Mining Lease"

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Jharkhand Miner Mineral Concession Rules , 2004 (Subsequent Amendments) and the Jharkhand Minor Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2017 (Subsequent Amendments) notified thereunder, Government of Jharkhand has identified a stone block for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease in [Lohardaga] District, Jharkhand, through electronic auction and hereby invitesbids in digital format only, from eligible bidders.

Terms and conditions, deadlines etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. The Model Tender Document for the Mineral Block and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from website of MSTC [https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mmb/jharkhand/ index.jsp] for the purpose of information only. Timelines, notification, updates and other details of the e-auction process are available on the website of MSTC and the website of Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand http://www.jharkhand.gov.in/mines-geology.

The details of the mineral block are summarized below

Block	ConcessionArea Ha.	Resource (Cubic meter)	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Last Date of submission of technical bid &IPOon MSTC website	Date of Opening of Tender
Waina Stone Block	2.05 Acre (0.829 Hectare)	80042.22222	08.08.2022	10.08.2022	12.08.2022

Those interested and eligible for bidding can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the tender fee of INR 25000.00 (Indian Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) plus GST as applicable (non-refundable), from the website of e-auction platform provider.The applicable GST should be paid by Reverse Charge Mechanism by the Bidder and the GST Paid Slip should be attached with the bid letter After purchase of the Tender Document, eligible bidders can register themselves on the above-mentioned website. On successful registration, eligible bidder will obtain Login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process.

Sd/- Director Mines
Department of Mines & Geology
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Digharia Stone Block	1.50 Acre (0.607 Hectare)	119435.19	08.08.2022	10.08.2022	12.08.2022

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Tender Extension Notification-3 Date : 13-07-2022

Subject : Tender Extension Notification -3 Date : 13-07-2022
Refference: (1) This office tender notification No: 01/2022-23, Date: 22-04-2022.
(2) Tender Extension Notification -1 Date: 16-06-2022, No:495, Date:16.06.2022.
(3) Tender Extension Notification -2 Date: 16-06-2022, No:570, Date:05.07.2022
All works under this office tender notification No: 01/2022-23, Dated: 22.04.2022 Under the Head of Account 4702: lift irrigation Scheme there are -02 No's(Sl No:2 &3) have been postponed as under due to technical reasons. Amount put to tender ranging from as low as **Rs. 190.00 Lakhs to as high as Rs. 990.00 Lakhs**

Sl No	Subject	As Mentioned previously	Extended Dated
1	Information regarding tender will be available at this office	24.06.2022 office hours	27.07.2022 office hours
2	Last date of receipt of tender in e-procurement	27.06.2022 17.00 hours	29.07.2022 17.00 hours
3	Date of opening of Technical Bid	29.06.2022 11.00 hours	01.08.2022 11.00 hours
4	Dated of opening of Financial Bid	01.07.2022 11.00 hours	03.08.2022 11-00 hours

There will be no changes in the original tender notification and all the information regarding works is published in the "www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in" tender Portal.
special Note: Any corrections regarding this tender notification will be published only in the "e-Procurement" portal.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Mandya.

DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/006/2022-23

In tandem: A training session in progress.

Play time: Elephants get playful at the camp.

Big bite: The morning diet of camp elephants comprises boiled millet flour, boiled rice, jaggery, salt and coconut.

Under orders: Mahouts give routine training to camp elephants after breakfast.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, JUL. 17		
RISE	06:02	SET 18:50
RISE	22:13	SET 09:29
MONDAY, JUL. 18		
RISE	06:02	SET 18:50
RISE	22:54	SET 10:23
TUESDAY, JUL. 19		
RISE	06:02	SET 18:50
RISE	23:34	SET 11:15

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	23
Mysuru	27	20
Bengaluru	26	20

Bengaluru Today
26°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at some places.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant.

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NEET to be held today

The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) - 2022, the gateway for medical courses, will be held on Sunday, across the nation from 2 p.m. to 5.20 p.m. This year, 18,72,371 students have registered across India, and 1,19,626 students from the State, for the test being conducted by the National Testing Agency. It will be held at all the district centres, including Bengaluru.

Students appearing for last year's NEET being screened at an examination centre in Bengaluru. ■ FILE PHOTO

Reporting time
12.20 p.m.

Gate closing time
1.30 p.m.

What's barred

- Textual material (printed or written), bits of papers, geometry/ pencil box, plastic pouch, calculator, pen, scale, writing pad, pen drive, eraser, calculator, log table, electronic pen/scanner.
- Mobile phone, Bluetooth, earphones, microphone, pager, health band and other items like wallet, goggles, handbags, belt, cap etc.
- Watch, bracelet, camera, ornaments, metallic items.
- Food items opened or packed, water bottle.
- Any item that could be used for unfair means, communication devices like microchip, camera, etc.
- No arrangement will be made for keeping any item belonging to candidates.

Dress code

- Clothes with long sleeves not permitted. If candidates come in cultural/customary dress, they should report at least an hour before reporting time.
- Slippers, sandals with low heels permitted. Shoes not permitted.
- In case of any deviation required due to unavoidable (like medical) circumstances, specific approval of National Testing Agency must be taken.

COVID advisory

- SOP for safety precaution and for required standard of hygiene are in force.
- Seating area will be sanitized. Door handles, staircase railing, lift buttons, etc. will be disinfected.
- Thermo guns will be available in the registration room.
- Social distancing is a must.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at entry and inside exam venue.
- Candidates will have to remove the mask worn by them from home, and use fresh N95 mask given before entering the exam hall.

Karnataka quota medical seats	UG medical seats	UG dental seats	Total UG seats	Total medical colleges in Karnataka
	7,411	2,849	10,260	63

Articles of faith

Candidates wearing articles or objects of faith (customary/ cultural/religious) should report at least two hours before the reporting time so that there is enough time for proper frisking without any inconvenience to the candidate while maintaining the sanctity of the examination. If it is discovered that any candidate is actually carrying a suspected device within such item of faith, s/he may be asked not to take it into the examination hall.

What candidates need to bring

- Admit card with passport-size photo affixed on it.
- One additional passport-size photo, same as uploaded on application form, to be affixed on the attendance sheet.
- Person with Disability original certificate and scribe-related documents, if applicable.
- One postcard size (4" x 6") colour photo with white background affixed on the designated space of the self-declaration pro forma downloaded from NTA website duly filled in to be handed over to invigilator.
- Any original and valid photo ID proof issued by government.
- Candidates will not be allowed to enter centre without admit card and ID proof.
- Scanned photo of IDs in mobile phone will not be considered as valid ID proof.
- Candidates can carry personal transparent water bottle and hand sanitizer (50ml).
- They will be frisked before entering exam centre.

With Collaboration of Government of Karnataka and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

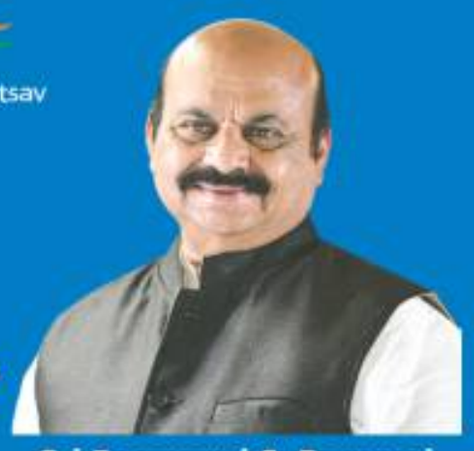
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

"Inauguration and Foundation Stone Laying of Various Development Works"

In Mahalakshmi Layout and Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly Constituencies

Inauguration and Foundation Stone Laying: Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister

17th July 2022

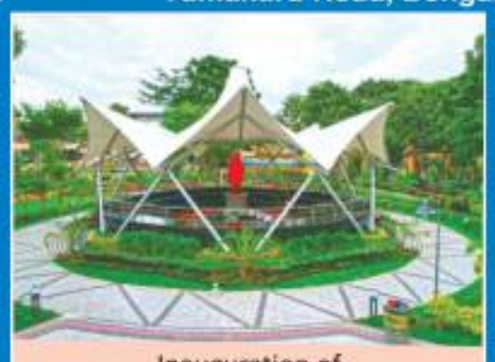


Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Programme of Mahalakshmi Layout Assembly Constituency		Programme of Rajarajeshwarinagar Assembly Constituency
11.00 A.M.	Time	12.30 Noon
Near Shiva Temple, Cavery Nagara Pipeline Road Kurubarahalli, Bengaluru	Venue	Peenya Village Near S.R.S Bus Stand Tumakuru Road, Bengaluru

Inauguration of "Basavadhama Park" developed in Mysore Sandal Soap factory Circle on Dr. Rajkumar Road in Nagapura Ward No.-67 at an approx. cost of **Rs. 480 lakhs.**

Inauguration of "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Community Hall" developed in Ashokapura in Marappanapalya Ward No.-44 at an approx. cost of **Rs. 700 lakhs.**



Inauguration of "His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Maha Swamiji Park" developed in B.E.M.L. Layout in Vrushabhavati Ward No.-102 at an approx. cost of **Rs. 392 lakhs.**

"Distribution of Title Deed" for houses constructed by Karnataka Slum Development Board in Bovipalya in the limits of Nagapura Ward No.-67

Foundation Stone Laying for "Over Bridge works" proposed from Outer Ring Road to West of Chord Road (via Kurubarahalli Pipeline Road) in the limits of Mahalakshmi Layout and Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly Constituencies under Chief Ministers New Nagarothana Scheme at an approx. cost of **Rs. 5500 lakhs.**

Inauguration of "Government Pre-University College" near S.R.S. Bus Stand of Peenya Village constructed at an approx. cost of **Rs. 750 lakhs.**

Inauguration of "New Building of Government Model Primary and High School" near S.R.S. Junction of Peenya Village constructed at an approx. cost of **Rs. 550 lakhs.**

Inauguration of "New Building of Government First Grade College" near S.R.S. Junction of Peenya Village constructed at an approx. cost of **Rs. 2000 lakhs.**

Sri K. Gopalaiah, Hon'ble Minister for Excise and **Sri N. Munirathna,** Hon'ble Minister for Horticulture and Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics at the Site Inspection.

Gracious Presence

His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Maha Swamiji
Chief Seer, Sri Adichunchangiri Mahasamsthana Mutt

His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Dr. Siddalinga Maha Swamiji
Chief Seer, Sri Siddaganga Mahasamsthana Mutt

Lighting up of Lamp

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs

Sri M. Rajeev Chandrashekar
Hon'ble Union Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Electronics & Information Technology

Presided by

Sri K. Gopalaiah
Hon'ble Minister for Excise and MLA, Mahalakshmi Layout Assembly Constituency

Sri N. Munirathna
Hon'ble Minister for Horticulture & Planning, Programme Monitoring & Statistics

August Presence

Sri D.V. Sadananda Gowda
Hon'ble MP
Bengaluru North Constituency

Sri D.K. Suresh
Hon'ble MP
Bengaluru Rural Constituency

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Hon'ble Minister for Revenue

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Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, IT-BT, Science & Technology, Skill Development

Sri V. Somanna
Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Infrastructure Development

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Hon'ble Minister for Primary & Secondary Education and SAKALA

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Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation

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Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha)

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Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha)

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Hon'ble MLC

Sri M. Nagaraju
Hon'ble MLC

Sri S. Keshava Prasad
Hon'ble MLC

Rakesh Singh, IAS
Administrator, BBMP

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Tushar Giri Nath, IAS
Chief Commissioner, BBMP

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BENGALI

BENGALI KAYASTHA girl 31+, 5ft 7inch MA Economics PGDBM working in Bangalore seeks suitable match from qualified value – oriented groom preferably working in Bengaluru Hyderabad Chennai. Contact 7259549672

COSMOPOLITAN

SC AD CSI 37/165 M.Sc., MPH (USA) working in World Bank seeks suitable Alliance from well Qualified, Good Salary, Well Settled Groom, Religion, Caste No Bar. Contact: 98844 39700

DOCTOR

SMU PARENTS seeks Allopathic Doctor for daughter 30 yrs Slim,Fair MBBS,M.S., Mob: 8056198771

DOCTOR Girl Wrking in Govt hospital 5.1,born-July 1991, seeks groom from-medical field pref MD/MS, Mutharaiyar or BC/MBC caste.Ct:7401529319

DOCTOR MD Chennai, Mudaliar, October 1992 born ,157cm, moolam 4 paatham, seeking MD Doctors/PG engineers/IIM/Business families, age 29–35. 9444075410

DOCTOR GIRL MD Anesthesiology 32/165 from affluent elite family of doctors.Working in top hospital Chennai. Fair beautiful good mannered and cultured. Father doctor Kerala Nair. Engineer & Doctor grooms with MDMS MCh OM from good family background from Kerala and TamilNadu preferable. Ct: 9840060381/ 9840985383

Intercaste Doctor Parents seeks alliance for their only daughter 38yrs Divorcee, Doctor, Working, Associated Professor, affluent, fair, good looking. Only doctor preferred. Caste No Bar. Cont:9443167551

DEVENDRA KULA Vellalar 27, MBBS PVT Hospital, Seeks Doctor Groom from good Family. Ct: 97891 91998 / 63838 60917

HINDU, TAMIL, Mudaliyar, Chennai, Doctor–PG, Pediatrics, Working in reputed Children's Hospital, Chennai, 29 years, seeks alliance from Dr., PG in Eng, MBA, CA. Contact–9444841350.

HINDI

SC (INTERCASTE) 41/163, unmarried, fair, MBA Management professional, working in Public sector organization @ Bangalore from a well of family from Delhi, seeks suitable alliance. Caste & language no bar. Ct: artfriends@gmail.com

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

SEEKING ALLIANCE for Hindu, Nair girl (1992)9/Ayilyam/Kerala/IRS(IT) Officer from Civil service/PG Doctor/CA/Group A officer. Ph: 8921582098

KERALITE HINDU Girl, Dy.Director (Doordarshan) Delhi, I I S, DOB 06.04.1988, 5ft 2inch, seeks groom preferably Civil Service officers / Doctors / Engineers / similar group A officers. Contact 8589881011

MALAYALAM

MUSLIM WOMAN, M Phil in Clinical Psychology, MSc in Applied Psychology, 26/150cm, Thrissur District, Working currently in a private clinic at Calicut as Clinical Psychologist. Proposal invited from parents of well educated and progressive minded boy. Nearby districts are preferred. 7907856272

SUITABLE Alliance sought for a 29years old Nair Girl working as Senior Associate in a MNC B'lore earning 17Lak PA. Horoscope compatibility not considered essential. Please send a WhatsApp message to 8870651177 for more details.

VANIKA VAISYA Girl 28/172 MTech, Civil service aspirant, well settled family in Trivandrum, both parents are Govt Officials, brother is in USA. Civil Servants and Doctors are preferred 9447525378

NAIR GIRL @ Chennai 26/147 BE Chadayam/ Chewa Dosam Seeks Grooms Nair/Menon Family 9840944880/ 9447696424

✔ **PROPOSALS INVITED** forNAIR girl 27 atham chengannur Asst.Manager NABARD MVSc from boys below32 class1officers govt/psu transferable 9847754970/8592020649

EZHAVA GIRL, 30 years, 160 cm, 50 kg, MD ANAESTHESIA, Pooruttathi Nakshatram. Parents seek good alliance from professionals, well educated boys. Please contact 7356736936.

SUDHAJATHAKAM VISWAKARMA 25/150 Visakam B.Com MBA HCL Settled Coimbatore Seeks Graduate Groom 9566547766

EZHAVA GIRL (32yrs)–161cm –M.Tech working in MNC chennai seeks well settled grooms from chennai/Bngire–Contact number 9946836167

WE ARE looking for an alliance for our daughter, aged 25years, based in Coimbatore, BBA, working in Bangalore, Hindu Thiyya. Contact with astrological details or Email to umhari@yahoo.com

Chennai based Nair Girl 29/157 Bharani, Suddhajathakam, Chartered Accountant Employed Contact: 9790984035.

MALAYALAM

Groom Wanted

Nair Girl with non transferable job working as an Asst. Prof, Central Govt Research Institute, Bangalore

Good looking, D O B 15.06.1992, Nakshatra- Mula, Height 164cm, 54kg. She has done her M S, Ph. D and Post Doc abroad. Seeking alliance from similarly qualified and professionally settled boys.

Contact : 75940 00872 94360 08333

HINDU THIYYA 29/156 Doctor Girl MBBS, MD., Anesthesia - AIIMS seeks Doctor,Professnl, IAS, IPS 9444114016

MBA/CA/ICWA

TAMIL– AD 32Yrs NIT/MBA(B School) Manager HR @ SBI 14LPA + Qtrs, Allowances,etc (CTC23lpa)settled in Mumbai. seeks CNB – Hindu/Christian professionals PSB/Fin/SW/ Govt. WA 9444226582.

NRI

SEEKING– PROTESTANT Christian, well educated, kind and open–minded groom settled either in Canada or USA for my niece 29,165cms, studied and employed in Canada. She is from a reputed family in Kanyakumari district. Contact: kishorsonlinead@gmail.com and 7736866119

WANTED USA Employed Groom for Vanniyakula Kshatriya Girl, Fair 26/ Anusham, MS, INTEL, USA. Father Business, Chennai. Contact: 9884071390

Padmasali, 33Years, 2nd, 5.1", Fair, BTech, Bank Officer - Contact: 9490000320.

TAMIL

CSI CHRISTIAN Nadar Girl Fair, Good Looking, 03–04–1986 born / 152cm / M.Sc M.Phil, working as Assistant Professor in a Reputed Women's College, Mount Road, Chennai. Both Parents Doctors (Private), Suitable Alliance, Employed / Settled in Chennai / With Clean Habits from Same Community. Contact: 9841182514

PROPOSAL INVITED from well to do Nadar Christian family for a girl, fair, beautiful, well to do, well educated. God fearing aged 32 working in a foreign Embassy as a Senior Manager in Chennai Contact: 9840129090.

RC NADAR 29 B.E., SWE 14 LPA, seeks RC Nadar B.E Bride Groom with good job Contact:7708469824

BERICHETTIAR 27/163 slim fair BE Remarriage Ch seeks educated High Profile CNB Ct: Geetham 9884858014

CHRISTIAN (ECI) Age: 26 B.TECH. IT 168 CM. Seeks well Settled Family Caste No Bar. Ct: 8610111543

BC AD Divorce, CSI Christian Girl Age 35yrs 168cm B.Com, Seeks Groom in Chennai Pref. Contact: 9566115207

WELL ESTABLISHED Industrial Christian Nadar family invites marriage proposal for their daughter, well Educated (MBA), Fair, Beautiful, looking after family Establishments. Bridegroom should be well Educated from well to do family age within 35. Parents Contact. 95000 37037.

RC Nadar Girl ME 33/5.7 fair Software Engineer seeks BC/FC Groom. Contact / whatsApp 98868 88775

37/165cm, Slim, Charming, Banker in Malaysia seeks NRI Tamil Catholic groom.mail:sacrament295@gmail.com

HINDU ADIDRAVIDAR SC, CNB 38/1984 MA,PVT Bank,Ashwini, Good looking Chennai,1st Marriage only 9500017884

AD/PR 38/160 Widow, no child, ME, Lecturer at Trichy seeks edu groom, Hindu CNB Age upto 44 Ct:9751105111

TAMIL VISWAKARMA / 39 / 150 Fair Thiruvonam / Rich / ME seeks suitable Same Caste Groom. 9486320982

GAVARA NAIDU, Tamil speaking 29yrs /167cm /Fair, Visakham 3rd,BE PGDM, Dy. Mgr in reputed firm seeking Educated and settled groom India/Abroad. Subsect No Bar. Ct 98420 02925 / 9788 73167

TAMIL

ELITE BRIDE GROOM WANTED

Slim Beautiful 26 year old, Doctor, from a well affluent business family based in Chennai, looking for well qualified Brahmin Tamil Iyer Bride Groom preferably from Business family

Mail id: brekha197109@gmail.com

Ct: 90253 85971

TAMIL

DOCTOR FAMILY seeks Groom for his Daughter, Studying LLM Masters in USA AD, Christian, 26 Years, SOEL, Advocate. WhatsApp: 9790774718.

MATCH FOR Fair,Saiva Pillai girl, Veg. Dentist, 24/158, Groom should be well educated and working in Singapore. Contact WhatsApp : +65 91670073

HASTHAM 34/154 fair MCA Upper mid Clas Seeks Mudaliar / pillai professionally Qualified Groom 8220757159

VELLALA, Pooram 36yrs Ht:163cm Weight 62Kg, Scientist (PhD) Working in ISC Bangalore, Seeks Suitable groom. Contact: 9442485544

NADAR 29YRS, Uthradam, M.A., B.Ed., **Remarriage seeks suitable** Employed Groom preferably Hindu / Christian. Ct: 88256 51440

LOOKING FOR Bridegroom for the girl studying MS in US aged 23. End time message believer. Ct: 8939250457

27, FAIR, B.Tech, M. S. in US, working in Chennai, Affluent, seeks suitedgroom CNB. 9489935653

MUDHALIYAR 25/M.B.B.S., Own schools& Colleges Chennai, (Caste no Bar) Richfamily seeks Groom: 7305491610

NAIDU, RICH 23–02–90 fair slim 165 cm uthiradam 4 magaram MBBS Dr. TN Govt Chennai seeks Dr, Govt class A officer, Business Groom, Any Naidu or any FC/BC (Tamil/Telugu) 9841743266.

HINDU SC (AD) 33/156, ME , Thiruvonam, Working in Public Sector Bank in Chennai, Clerk 35K, Seeks Suitable Groom, Age 34 –37.Working in Govt or IT. Ct.9677510647 / 9790191307

SIMMAM MAHAM Fair SC Hindu Tamil 23Yrs 153cm MBA HDFC 2.5L PA Chennai.Seeks Educated Groom.Ct: 9962359900

HINDU MARAVAR(DEVAR) Never Married 09–01–86,165cm,60kg Working in USA IT Expt Seeks Below 30/Yr,1st Mariage Groom Work in USA IT/Equal Profesional.Same Caste,SubCast 7845259152

HINDU Pillai 29/153 Pooram fair B.com MBA Coimbatore working MNC Seeks well eductd groom. 9843090433

MUDALIAR 25, BE, MBA, 162, Good Looking, well Settled Family Seeks Alliance Ct. 8778514465 / 7200866346

HINDU VELLALAR Pillai / Mudaliar Barani Mesham 34/162 Govt. Doctor MD (Paed) seeks Suitable groom upto 38yrs Ct: 97912 16028

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VANNAR PARENTS Near Tindivanam Only Daughter Slim Fair Tall 22/160 working in TCS seeks suitable Groom preferably IT Employed/ Doctor/ Business, age 24 to 26 from same Community Call: 9080363451

AD 27/162 BHMS Doctor Working seeks Tamil–cultured Well–Educated Settled Dr./Engr/Senior Officer in State/Central Govt./Bank, Groom with Age 30 & Below. 9444220872

AGE:23,HEIGHT:5'3",B.E., WORKING in an MNC in Chennai looking for a suitable Groom in SC Caste Call:9444283352/044–22241557

HINDU SC –Adi Dravida, Female, Age– 29, BE MBA, Working in Accanture. Ph – 9444991091.

AFFLUENT MUDALIAR parents from Bangalore seek alliance for their only daughter 27yrs,175cm,Engineer (CS)from well settled grooms employed in civil services (IAS/IFS/ IRS).Class I State or Central govt officers also can contact. Caste no bar.Please contact:9741589507

PILLAI/MUDALIAR, 33, Good looking, MBBS, MD Final yr, Well Settled family seeks Groom aged 33-36 yrs, Engineer/ Business/ Doctor. 9345855736

HINDU NADAR 27, MBBS, Bharani Mesham, Suddha Jathagam, Seeks Good looking Doctor. Ct:9965252880.

MUDALIAR: 25 /V.Fair & Beautiful, MBBS, MS, Doctor, Chennai, Having own Hospital, Elite Family, Seeks Groom – Doctor / Business – 8925019776

HIGHLY QUALIFIED & well Employed Vanniyar Groom for PG Eng Lit., B.Ed Employed 25 Thiruvonam CV & horoscope to 74486 75517

TAMIL

HINDU NADAR 29, 168, BE/MS Australia Inc 30000/- Divorcee Seeks Suitable Groom KA Raman Nadar 9380791999

VANNIYER KULA Chathiyar MBA Age 31 Menam Uthiradhi Working in Pvt Bank Chennai Rs.35k/PM ct. 7200000601

NAIDU BALIJA/GAVARA, Avittam 28/160, Chartered Accountant, MNC, Chennai, Seeks professionally qualified Groom from Good family. Contact: 9498024683 / 8939845735

Mudaliyar/Caste nobar30 Master Degree, Father is a Business man and well settled Family, Looking for Groom Business and well settled Family Contact: 9363044017.

ADIDRAVIDAR, SC 33/169, MCA, Pvt Job 20K Pm, Medium Color Seeks Suitable Groom Sal 50K Pm, Ct:9445507220

INTERCASTE PARENTS (SC/MBC) 31/167 BE MBA SWE Swathi Chennai seek good family background groom 9444053003

HINDU NADAR Sister Girls, age 28 / 23, Ht 167/167cms, M.E. Asst Prof / B.E (I.T), Upper middle class. Seeks Upper middle class, equally qualified boys of age below 30 in job or business.Marriage both at a stage. Contact : 96265 15511

DKV 28/167 Fair BE, TCS Chennai, Parents Hindu/CSI. Seeks Groom Dr/Er.Govt Employee. Ct: 8056143638

HINDU ADIDRAVIDAR Kongu Parayar 31 B.E, M.Tech, PhD. Seeks educated Prof groom. 8760883559/8973345370

BRAHMIN IYENGAR Srivathsam, Bharani 26 yrs BE MNC IT Chennai seeks unmarried Iyengar boy from Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad (5yrs age difference).Contact: 9840013155

HINDU NADAR 23/168, BE, Fair Kumbam Pooratathi Chennai. Seeks well educated rich family. 9840366663

BRIDES WANTED

COSMOPOLITAN

UPPER MIDDLECLASS Widower 68,Selds Chennai No Children Seek Life Partner Caste Religion NoBar 9840106847

Seeks Unmarried 36-42yrs Bride for 47yrs US Citizen, never married before, spiritual, liberal family 7395881522, padmapalanisamy@gmail.com.

Widower 62 CNB Pensioner seek Fair Educated Lady without encumbrances. Phone: 9701320273.

DOCTOR

Bride Wanted

DOCTOR(MD) US CITIZEN

30/5'9" Merit Scholar Top US Univ Only Son

Well-Estab Educated Liberal Bengali-Hindu NRI Family

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Cracking the code to cross Central Silk Board junction

Metro and expressway expected to cut down grade-level traffic at Silk Board junction by 60%

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

MISSION DECONGESTION: SILK BOARD JUNCTION

Apart from its salubrious climate, beautiful parks, gardens, tree-lined roads, cosmopolitan nature and being a science and IT hub, what else is Bengaluru famous for? Its infamous traffic.

During his recent visit to the city, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that steps would be taken in the coming days to decongest traffic gridlocks. Various government departments got to work soon after and conducted inspections at seven problematic junctions and announced some short and long-term plans for each junction.

Through this series, we try to navigate these gridlocks and see if the measures have brought any relief to commuters.

"To succeed in the IT industry in Bengaluru, you have to master a code: the code to cross the Silk Board junction," goes a popular meme. A visit to the junction during the peak hours helps one understand why it is indeed a tough code to crack.

If there is a shining example of Bengaluru's traffic gridlocks, it is the Central Silk Board (CSB) junction – one of the seven junctions identified for introducing decongestion measures. Apart from attracting the ire and exasperation of those who must pass through, the junction has also inspired many a meme and even a short film!

This junction connects several areas such as BTM Layout, HSR Layout, Koramangala and Outer Ring Road with the Central Business District (CBD). There is also a flyover above the junction which connects BTM Layout with Koramangala. The construction work for Silk Board - Hebbal metro line is also in progress at the junction.

Two views of Silk Board Junction on Bannergatta Road in Bengaluru. During his recent visit to Bengaluru, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that steps would be taken in the coming days to decongest traffic gridlocks. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Existing problems

The construction work has been termed as the root cause of most problems here by those who travel via the junction every day. During the peak hours, it takes these motorists at least 30 minutes to cross signals on all four sides. Whilst the road from Bellandur towards CSB is quite wide, the construction work after the signal requires motorists to manoeuvrer carefully as the road gets narrower. This leads to minor congestion every now and then, which inevitably causes vehicles from other sides of the junction to also slow down.

The traffic problems here are made worse when it rains as due to problems in the drainage systems, the water overflows onto the roads and creates small puddles every few hundred metres, slowing down motorists.

It can also be observed that a fair share of the huge volume of vehicles here is made up of BMTC buses, which, if not stopped at the designated stops, delay vehicular movement.

Further, pedestrians on all sides of the junctions struggle to find safe spaces to cross roads and walk amidst the moving vehicles, construction materials, haphazardly-parked autorickshaws and cabs and the non-availability of footpaths.

What has changed?

While BMTC buses used to stop next to BMRCL barricades in front of the depot, post inspection, the depot was opened and now all the buses start and stop from there. Bus drivers have also been instructed not to stop once they are out of the depot before driving towards ORR. According to commuters, this has made a considerable difference, especially in the evenings.

Those who commute by bus also said that getting in and out of buses has now gotten easier. Yet, they all agree that there is still a lot of scope for improvement as crossing the junction still remains a nightmare.

Short-term solutions

- Storm-water drains on both sides of BTM Layout-Silk Board road to be repaired to prevent overflow of sewage during rains.
- Free left on the road that connects to Hosur road and BTM road, removal of slabs on SWD, and levelling the road.
- Resurfacing of the road from Silk Board to BTM Layout bus stand.
- Systematic use of BMTC bus stop at Silk Board junction to avoid congestion.

Long-term solutions

- Double decker flyover (expressway) between Ragigudda and CSB junction, which will be signal free, will reduce the traffic on grade level by 60% as all vehicles that come from K.R. Puram and go beyond Ragigudda and vice versa will take the expressway, says Anjum Parwez, Managing Director, BMRCL.
- Metro rail work, which is expected to be completed by first half of 2023, is expected to lessen traffic load by 20-25%.
- Skywalk between Silk Board junction bus stop and HSR Layout service road for the benefit of pedestrians.

"I do not remember ever crossing this signal in less than 20 minutes in the morning and evening from Bellandur towards CSB. The green signal is only given for 30 to 40 seconds and that should be increased. Thankfully, now the buses stop inside the bus stop. Otherwise, it used to be a nightmare if you were stuck behind those buses."

PREM
a manager of a hotel near the junction

"I have been stuck in traffic jams on all sides of this junction. The service road towards HSR Layout is especially narrow for the vehicles that pass here every day. The traffic police here should definitely do more regulation instead of collecting fines."

VASANTHACHARI
a cab driver

Seven Left parties hold joint convention

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Seven Left parties held a joint convention in Bengaluru on Saturday for a discussion on 'Alternative policies of the Left and secular forces for a peaceful and progressive Karnataka.' A book on the same theme was also released.

The parties that participated were CPI (M), CPI, SUCI (C), CPI (ML), All India Forward Block, RPI and Swaraj India, according to a release.

U. Basavaraju, State Secretary of the CPI(M), pointed out that amid the grandeur of the 75th year of Indian Independence, one cannot ignore the harsh reality of the people of the country. In the name of development, though hundreds of crores have been spent, inequality was still glaring everywhere.

Veersangayya, State vice-president of Swaraj India, said that the enactment of anti-cow slaughter legislation was a huge blow to animal husbandry. The amendment of APMC Act was a blow to small farmers, he added. H.C Ramakrishna, State council member, CPI, said the rights of workers was reduced to four labour codes in which many of their rights have been snatched away.

K. Uma, State Secretary, SUCI(C) spoke on the deteriorating condition of education. Clifton D. Rozario, State secretary of CPI(ML), said those who dare speak the truth such as Teesta Seetalvad and Mohammed Zubair were being persecuted by agencies of the State.

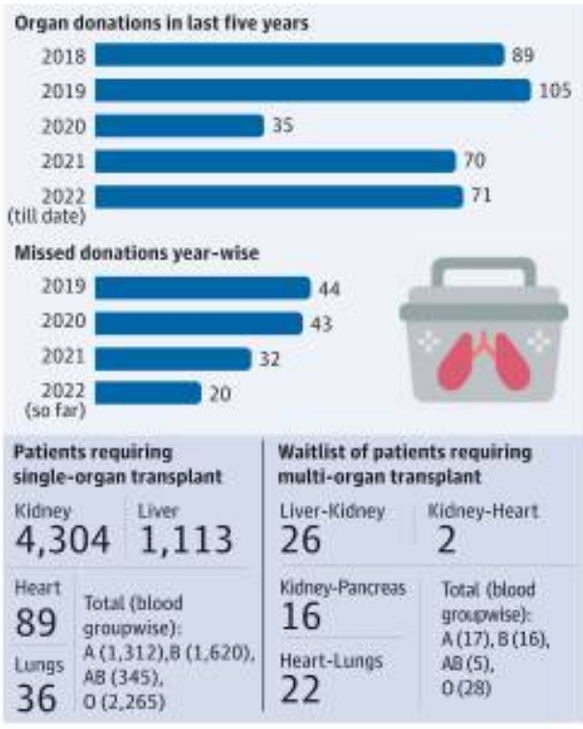
Organ donations in 2022 surpass last year's count

Karnataka has recorded 74 donations from January till July 16 this year

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Cadaveric organ donation in Karnataka is catching up fast with this year's donations so far crossing last year's overall number. While 70 donations were recorded in 2021, 74 have been recorded in the first six months of 2022.

These 74 donors include a nine-month-old male and a 97-year-old male. Both donors are from Bengaluru. In the last two months alone (since May 13), 27 donations have been recorded and several of these have been back-to-back on a single day.



Rise after COVID-19

Organ donations that had almost come to a halt during the pandemic saw a steady rise this year in the first quarter, especially after organ donations by celebrities. Subsequently, the pace picked up further. Jeevasarthakathe, the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO), which is the nodal agency that facilitates cadaver organ donations, recorded 70 cadaveric donations in 2021, retrieving 284 organs and tissues (including corneas and heart valves). In 2020, 35 donations were recorded, retrieving 167 organs and tissues. Likewise, in 2019 as many as 105 cadaveric donations were facilitated through Jeevasarthakathe (wherein 511 organs and tissues were retrieved).

Lijamol Joseph, Jeevasarthakathe Chief Transplant Coordinator, said awareness on organ donations has increased. "Basically we reached out to the public more often to reinstate the message of organ donation. During the first two years of the pandemic, everything was virtual and we were not sure if the message was accepted. But, now normal communication has resumed and we do not miss any opportunity to create awareness," she said.

Pointing out that extensive awareness was created through various forms of media, Ms. Joseph said: "All live green corridor feeds, and donations are being posted on the Twitter handles of the Health Department and Health Minister. Regular training programmes are being conducted for ICU staff, intensivists, and neuro teams."

Also, two government institutions in Bengaluru - NIMHANS and Trauma and Emergency Care Centre (TECC) on Victoria Hospital campus - have recently been recognised as Non-Transplant Organ Retrieval centres.

This has helped identify potential donors in the government hospitals where most road traffic accident cases and other medico-legal cases are admitted.

Organ donations that had almost come to a halt during the pandemic saw a steady rise this year. • FILE PHOTO

Among O-group patients

Although there has been a steady rise in the number of donations, the number of patients in need of organ transplantation is also increasing. According to official data, as of July 12, while 5,542 patients are waiting for various single-organ transplants in Karnataka (including 4,304 for kidneys and 1,113 for liver), 66 are waiting for multi-organ transplants. Doctors said the demand-supply gap in organ transplantation in the State is only widening by the day.

The demand is high among patients with O blood group. Of the total 5,542 patients in the wait list of single organ requirement, as many as 2,265 and patients with O blood group. This is followed by those with B group with as many as 1,620 waiting for organs. The lowest requirement is among those with AB blood group with 345 enrolled with SOTTO.

The trend is similar in the wait list for multi-organ transplants. Of the total 66 in the list, 28 patients are those with O blood group. The least requirement is again among those with AB group with only five patients from this group requiring multi-organ transplants.

State missed 20 potential organ donations thus far this year

This is mainly due to reluctance by families and misconceptions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka has missed 20 potential organ donations this year, so far. This is mainly due to reluctance for consent by families of potential donors and misconceptions surrounding organ donations.

Lijamol Joseph, Chief Transplant Coordinator at Jeevasarthakathe, the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO), which is the nodal agency that facilitates cadaver organ donations, said while 44 donations were missed in 2019, 43 were missed in 2020 and 32 in 2021. This year, 20 have already been missed in the half year, she said.

Less donors

In fact, routinely, although SOTTO gets a substantial number of organ pledges, not even 5% of them actually turn into donors.

Elaborating on the reasons for the missed donations, she said: "Sometimes, the identified donor is not fit to donate due to clinical reasons. Or, someone from the donor family/distant family/friends circle is says no to organ donation and the next of kin do not have much say in taking a decision against the wish of those opposing it."

Family's consent

"Also, there are misconceptions. Families refuse consent assuming organ donation is a very long process. But, this is not at all true. Once the family gives consent, everything will be taken care of by Jeevasarthakathe team along with the donor hospital. The role of grief counsellors is vital here. We accompany the family for the police intimation in case of medico-legal case and we get the post mortem also done. The process is seamless and we ensure there is no delay in handing over the body to the family. Also, the allocation is done without any delay," she explained.

"It is very rare that some family asks for direct donation - like someone in the donor family would be in need of organ transplant and the family would want the donation for their patient. In such cases, we have to say 'No' as the allocation is strictly based on seniority and clinical urgency," she said.

IN BRIEF

Blockchain hackathon

BENGALURU

A two-day blockchain hackathon, 'Building Future Cities', will be held in Bengaluru from August 5. It is organised by crypto investing platform CoinSwitch, in association with 'Startup Karnataka', a State govt. initiative, and Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya. It is also supported by Sequoia India. It will challenge participants to envision a blockchain-powered India, with a focus on smart mobility, energy credits and trading, decentralised waste management, secure digital identity and certificate management, vaccine distribution among others. The winners will be rewarded ₹3 lakh, with the total prize pool set at ₹6 lakh. Participants can enter individually or as a team of up to four members.

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Officers will be held responsible for illegal activities in prisons, warns Araga Jnanendra

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra reportedly expressed "deep dissatisfaction" and pulled up officials over the failure of the State police to curtail illegal activities in the State's prisons. The Minister announced that henceforth, officers in-charge of the respective prisons will be held responsible for all illegal activities reported from them.

He was speaking at the first meeting of the recently-formed Karnataka Prisons Development Corporation on Saturday. The meeting had DG&IGP Praveen Sood, ADGP Prisons Alok Mohan and Home Secretary Rajneesh Goel apart from a host of other senior officials attending.

It may be recalled that following a string of media reports on several illegal activities from prisons, especially Parappana Agrahara Central Prison in the city, Mr. Jnanendra had made a surprise visit to the prison recently.

There are several illegal activities reported mainly from Bengaluru, Belagavi and Ballari prisons and despite media reporting on them continuously, there seems to be no end to these activities, the Home Minister is said to have pointed out. The inmates have access to narcotics, alcohol, mobile phones and there are instances of them even having parties inside. People who come to meet these prisoners are acting as couriers, but it cannot happen without the collusion of our officials, he said, and demanded to know how the accused in the Hindutva activist Harsha murder case accessed a mobile phone in Parappana Agrahara Central Prison. He also expressed unhappiness at lack of disciplinary action against officials responsible. He directed officials to immediately take measures to install powerful mobile network jammers to prevent the misuse of phones in prisons. He also directed officials to install CCTV cameras and institute a stringent checking of all visitors.

The Home Minister said minimum wages fixed by the State government will be paid to inmates and workers of all prisons. He said the Finance Department has initiated the process of releasing ₹7 crore for payment of minimum wages to workers and inmates engaged in producing commodities such as sandal soap, detergents, furniture, handicraft and other items. Inmates produce nearly ₹80 crore worth of commodities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per the National Highways Act 1956 (48 of 1956) the Government of India has issued 3A(1) Notification on 03rd June 2022 to acquire land for the purpose of constructing four lane National Highway. The Highway No. Yet to be assigned in respect of area falling within the stretch of the highway from Km. 0+000 to Km 114+091(Hassan-Huliyar-Hiriyur). A copy of the notification is hereby published for the notice of Public under section 3A(3) of the National Highways Act 1956.

Sd/-
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Competent Authority of Land Acquisition,
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EC-20, Arasikere

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 3rd June, 2022

S.O. 2585(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land (the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below), is required for building National Highway No. Yet to be assigned in the stretch of land from Km. 56.13 to Km. 86.22 (Arasikere) in the district of TUMKUR in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling No Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from Km. 56.13 to Km. 86.22 No Yet to be Assigned (Arasikere) in the district of TUMKUR in the State of KARNATAKA.

State: KARNATAKA **District: TUMKUR**

Sl. No	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Chiknayakanhalli					
Village: Bheemasandra					
1	86/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	132.2500000 (Square Meter)	0.0132250
2	86/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,893.8300000 (Square Meter)	0.2893830
3	86/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	415.6700000 (Square Meter)	0.0415670
4	92/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,327.8800000 (Square Meter)	0.3327880
5	93/1	Government (Agriculture)	Dry	4,552.6500000 (Square Meter)	0.4552650
6	93/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,479.7900000 (Square Meter)	0.2479790
7	93/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,000.0700000 (Square Meter)	0.3000070
8	94	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,009.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.1009110
9	95/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,584.6700000 (Square Meter)	0.4584670
10	95/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	5,959.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.5959510
11	96	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	27,511.6100000 (Square Meter)	2.7511610
Village: Chowlakatte					
1	101/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,836.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.2836990
2	101/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,555.2600000 (Square Meter)	0.1555260
3	102/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	2,124.5700000 (Square Meter)	0.2124570
4	102/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	444.7700000 (Square Meter)	0.0444770
5	102/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	2,529.2500000 (Square Meter)	0.2529250
6	102/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	2,630.4200000 (Square Meter)	0.2630420
7	103/1A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,793.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.2793380
8	103/1B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,422.5400000 (Square Meter)	0.2422540
9	103/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,340.7500000 (Square Meter)	0.1340750
10	103/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	867.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0867860
11	103/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	245.4900000 (Square Meter)	0.0245490
12	104/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	27.7700000 (Square Meter)	0.0027770
13	104/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	149.1900000 (Square Meter)	0.0149190
14	104/5	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	232.8400000 (Square Meter)	0.0232840
15	104/6	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	547.9500000 (Square Meter)	0.0547950
16	104/7	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	221.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.0221110
17	104/8	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	416.9800000 (Square Meter)	0.0416980
18	104/9	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,920.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.1920120
19	108/5	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	10.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.0010210
20	108/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	234.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.0234210
21	108/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	587.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.0587360
22	108/8A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	224.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.0224380
23	108/8B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,058.2700000 (Square Meter)	0.1058270
24	112/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	879.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.0879380
25	112/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,025.3300000 (Square Meter)	0.1025330
26	112/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,018.6800000 (Square Meter)	0.1018680
27	112/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,128.0800000 (Square Meter)	0.1128080
28	112/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	373.3200000 (Square Meter)	0.0373320
29	112/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	648.9700000 (Square Meter)	0.0648970
30	112/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	708.9600000 (Square Meter)	0.0708960
31	113/1A1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	451.2300000 (Square Meter)	0.0451230
32	113/1A2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	22.5700000 (Square Meter)	0.0022570
33	113/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	65.2500000 (Square Meter)	0.0065250
34	113/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010560
35	121	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	778.2200000 (Square Meter)	0.0778220
36	123/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,588.2300000 (Square Meter)	0.5588230
37	123/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	741.0500000 (Square Meter)	0.0741050
38	123/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	33.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.0033510
39	126/12	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	882.2800000 (Square Meter)	0.0882280
40	126/13	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,371.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.1371120
41	126/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	535.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.0535510
42	126/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,520.1900000 (Square Meter)	0.1520190
43	126/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,197.7500000 (Square Meter)	0.1197750
44	126/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	37.1900000 (Square Meter)	0.0037190
45	126/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	998.9800000 (Square Meter)	0.0998980
46	126/9A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	956.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.0956560
47	127/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,217.8900000 (Square Meter)	0.3217890
48	127/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,150.4700000 (Square Meter)	0.2150470
49	127/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010560
50	129/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	962.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.0962870
51	129/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	370.5300000 (Square Meter)	0.0370530
52	129/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	682.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.0682560
53	129/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	809.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.0809360
54	130/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,903.2600000 (Square Meter)	0.1903260
55	130/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	640.3100000 (Square Meter)	0.0640310
56	131/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,196.5800000 (Square Meter)	0.3196580
57	131/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,783.7300000 (Square Meter)	0.1783730
58	72	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	6,179.6200000 (Square Meter)	0.6179620
59	85/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	685.4300000 (Square Meter)	0.0685430
60	85/10	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	253.2300000 (Square Meter)	0.0253230
61	85/11	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	404.6800000 (Square Meter)	0.0404680
62	85/12	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	303.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.0303510
63	85/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,003.4700000 (Square Meter)	0.1003470
64	85/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	185.1800000 (Square Meter)	0.0185180
65	85/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	251.7400000 (Square Meter)	0.0251740
66	85/5	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	684.7400000 (Square Meter)	0.0684740
67	85/6	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	514.3100000 (Square Meter)	0.0514310
68	85/7	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,754.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.2754110
69	85/8	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,834.8300000 (Square Meter)	0.1834830
70	85/9	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,361.0900000 (Square Meter)	0.1361090
71	86/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	303.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.0303510
72	86/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	505.8500000 (Square Meter)	0.0505850
73	86/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	505.8500000 (Square Meter)	0.0505850
74	86/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	546.4500000 (Square Meter)	0.0546450
75	86/5	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	376.0700000 (Square Meter)	0.0376070
76	86/6	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,618.7200000 (Square Meter)	0.1618720
77	86/7	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	741.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.0741210
78	89	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,286.3700000 (Square Meter)	0.3286370
79	98/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	473.9800000 (Square Meter)	0.0473980
80	98/10A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.0010110
81	98/10B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,820.2900000 (Square Meter)	0.1820290
82	98/11	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	382.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.0382120
83	98/12	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	301.9500000 (Square Meter)	0.0301950
84	98/13	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	575.8500000 (Square Meter)	0.0575850
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86	98/15	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	11.2200000 (Square Meter)	0.0011220
87	98/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	200.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.0200870
88	98/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,486.2200000 (Square Meter)	0.1486220
89	98/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	650.9500000 (Square Meter)	0.0650950
90	98/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	392.3100000 (Square Meter)	0.0392310
91	98/8	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	780.3100000 (Square Meter)	0.0780310
92	98/9	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	658.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.0658990
93	99	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	129.2500000 (Square Meter)	0.0129250
94	Nala	Government (Nala)	Nala	210.2400000 (Square Meter)	0.0210240
Village: Davanadahosahalli					
1	13/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,118.7100000 (Square Meter)	0.2118710
2	14/1D1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	16,323.7300000 (Square Meter)	1.6323730
3	14/1D2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,928.2300000 (Square Meter)	0.3928230
4	14/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	213.9100000 (Square Meter)	0.0213910
5	15/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	302.9500000 (Square Meter)	0.0302950
6	16	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	56,192.8900000 (Square Meter)	5.6192890
7	59	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	21,562.1700000 (Square Meter)	2.1562170
Village: Gopalapura					
1	125	Government (Forest)	Kharab	57,624.5400000 (Square Meter)	5.7624540
Village: Honnasettihalli					
1	102	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	8,032.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.8032360
2	44	Government (Forest)	Forest	1,430.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.1430870
3	45	Government (Kharab)	Kharab	1,354.9700000 (Square Meter)	0.1354970
4	48	Government (Lake)	Lake	15.8400000 (Square Meter)	0.0015840
5	49	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	6,552.1300000 (Square Meter)	0.6552130
6	50	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,956.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.2956560
7	51	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	3,298.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.3298110
8	52/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,870.7100000 (Square Meter)	0.1870710
9	52/12	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	497.5800000 (Square Meter)	0.0497580
10	52/6	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	15.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.0015360
11	52/7	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	43.1500000 (Square Meter)	0.0043150
12	52/8	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	15.6300000 (Square Meter)	0.0015630
13	53/11	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	607.0200000 (Square Meter)	0.0607020
14	53/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	352.0500000 (Square Meter)	0.0352050
15	53/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	809.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.0809360
16	53/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,244.2800000 (Square Meter)	0.1244280
17	53/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,306.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.2306380
18	53/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,880.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.1880510
19	53/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	61.6900000 (Square Meter)	0.0061690
20	57	Government (Govt. Kharab)	Kharab	2,551.7300000 (Square Meter)	0.2551730
Village: Huchhanahalli					
1	10/12	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	407.1700000 (Square Meter)	0.0407170
2	10/15	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	352.5500000 (Square Meter)	0.0352550
3	10/16	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	2,050.9700000 (Square Meter)	0.2050970
4	10/17	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,719.9800000 (Square Meter)	0.2719980
5	11/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,231.7200000 (Square Meter)	0.1231720
6	12	Government (Gomala Graveyard)	Gomala	21,948.7100000 (Square Meter)	2.1948710
7	23/1A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,004.2900000 (Square Meter)	0.3004290
8	23/1B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,315.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.1315210
9	23/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,118.6400000 (Square Meter)	0.1118640

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Three killed in rain-related incidents in Belagavi; houses damaged in DK

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BELAGAVI/MANGALURU

Three people were killed in rain-related incidents on Saturday in Belagavi district.

A fisherman was washed away in the Doodha Ganga near Sadalaga in Belagavi district, while he was trying to fish. The police said that Shivaji Koravi, 54, drowned in the backwaters and search is on for his body. Two farmers were electrocuted in Hirur village near Saundatti in Belagavi district on Saturday morning. According to the police, Fakkirappa Siddappa Chandaragi, 54, and Mahadev Durgappa Metri, 40, residents of Hirur village, died when they stepped on a damaged electrical cable while working in a sugarcane field.

The wire had fallen in the heavy winds and rains on Friday evening.

However, a car driver was lucky to escape when his vehicle fell into the river in Eksamba in Belagavi district. He jumped out of the car and was pulled ashore by farmers. Heavy rainfall continued in Belagavi and Bagalkot districts on Saturday. Officials increased the outflow from the Almatti reservoir to 1.5 lakh cusecs by Saturday afternoon. The inflow remained at 1.29 lakh cusecs. It is likely to go up if the rains continue, say officials.

The dam has 87.99 tmcft of water standing for a height of 517.28 metres. This is 71% of the gross capacity of 123 tmcft at 519 metres. Inflow into Renuka Sagar dam on the Malaprabha was 12,416 cusecs. But the outflow was maintained at 194 cusecs as the storage was just 19 tmcft against the gross capacity of 37 tmcft.

On the coast

Meanwhile, six houses were fully damaged and 16 houses were partially damaged following incessant rains in different parts of Dakshina Kannada in 24 hours ending at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday.

With this, 89 houses have been fully/severely damaged and 525 houses have been partially damaged in Dakshina Kannada since this April 1.

Dakshina Kannada district recorded an average rainfall of 54 mm during the period.

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10	23/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	428.2700000 (Square Meter)	0.0428270
11	4/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,778.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.1778110
12	4/10	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	766.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0766860
13	4/11	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	157.3200000 (Square Meter)	0.0157320
14	4/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	603.6100000 (Square Meter)	0.0603610
15	4/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	40.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.0040380
16	4/5A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	472.4600000 (Square Meter)	0.0472460
17	4/5B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,960.8900000 (Square Meter)	0.1960890
18	4/5C	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,523.1800000 (Square Meter)	0.1523180
19	4/5D	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	191.6200000 (Square Meter)	0.0191620
20	4/6A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,214.0400000 (Square Meter)	0.1214040
21	4/6B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,061.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.1061210
22	4/6C	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	12.2300000 (Square Meter)	0.0012230
23	4/7A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,188.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.2188560
24	4/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	695.8200000 (Square Meter)	0.0695820
25	4/9	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	910.5300000 (Square Meter)	0.0910530
26	5/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	9,052.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.9052560
27	5/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,581.5700000 (Square Meter)	0.1581570
28	6/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010860
29	6/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	226.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.0226210
Village: Kamalapura					
1	125	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,688.8300000 (Square Meter)	0.2688830
2	126	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	11,713.5600000 (Square Meter)	1.1713560
3	127	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	16,691.8100000 (Square Meter)	1.6691810
4	128	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	12,265.4200000 (Square Meter)	1.2265420
5	133/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	12.5200000 (Square Meter)	0.0012520
6	138	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,912.3000000 (Square Meter)	0.5912300
7	139	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	28,864.5900000 (Square Meter)	2.8864590
8	140	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	7,280.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.7280560
9	141	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	18,546.7500000 (Square Meter)	1.8546750
10	142	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	9,741.6200000 (Square Meter)	0.9741620
11	146/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,514.8800000 (Square Meter)	0.2514880
12	146/2	Private (Garden)	Garden	2,686.1500000 (Square Meter)	0.2686150
13	146/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,458.5000000 (Square Meter)	0.2458500
14	146/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,570.2900000 (Square Meter)	0.1570290
15	147/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,639.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.1639870
16	147/10	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	134.7400000 (Square Meter)	0.0134740
17	147/11	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,025.3500000 (Square Meter)	0.1025350
18	147/19	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	640.8400000 (Square Meter)	0.0640840
19	147/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	2,008.5400000 (Square Meter)	0.2008540
20	147/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,723.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.1723990
21	147/5A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	429.1400000 (Square Meter)	0.0429140
22	147/5B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	407.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.0407990
23	147/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,516.0200000 (Square Meter)	0.1516020
24	147/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,224.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.1224990
25	147/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	2,696.8800000 (Square Meter)	0.2696880
26	147/9	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,589.3900000 (Square Meter)	0.1589390
27	186	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	6,892.4200000 (Square Meter)	0.6892420
28	187/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	711.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.0711870
Village: Kankere					
1	16/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	131.9500000 (Square Meter)	0.0131950
2	16/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,340.7800000 (Square Meter)	0.2340780
3	16/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,890.1800000 (Square Meter)	0.4890180
4	17/10	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	505.0900000 (Square Meter)	0.0505090
5	17/11	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	290.6400000 (Square Meter)	0.0290640
6	17/12	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,416.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.1416380
7	17/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	10.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010860
8	17/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,317.9700000 (Square Meter)	0.2317970
9	17/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,774.6100000 (Square Meter)	0.1774610
10	28/15	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.6700000 (Square Meter)	0.0010670
11	28/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,077.8200000 (Square Meter)	0.4077820
12	28/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010860
13	28/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	699.4100000 (Square Meter)	0.0699410
14	28/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	859.9450000 (Square Meter)	0.0859945
15	28/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,567.1600000 (Square Meter)	0.3567160
16	28/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	59.6800000 (Square Meter)	0.0059680
17	29	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	703.9100000 (Square Meter)	0.0703910
18	30	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,651.8200000 (Square Meter)	0.5651820
19	31/1A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	7,289.9100000 (Square Meter)	0.7289910
20	31/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	202.3400000 (Square Meter)	0.0202340
21	31/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	202.3400000 (Square Meter)	0.0202340
22	31/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	202.3400000 (Square Meter)	0.0202340
23	31/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	202.3400000 (Square Meter)	0.0202340
24	33/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,042.5200000 (Square Meter)	0.4042520
25	33/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	134.1700000 (Square Meter)	0.0134170
26	33/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,023.4000000 (Square Meter)	0.2023400
27	38	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	63.6300000 (Square Meter)	0.0063630
28	39/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,120.6600000 (Square Meter)	0.1120660
29	40	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,873.1400000 (Square Meter)	0.2873140
30	41/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	893.9200000 (Square Meter)	0.0893920
31	41/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,321.8200000 (Square Meter)	0.2321820
32	41/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	86.6400000 (Square Meter)	0.0086640
33	42/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	234.6500000 (Square Meter)	0.0234650
34	42/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	607.0200000 (Square Meter)	0.0607020
35	42/5	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	552.0100000 (Square Meter)	0.0552010
36	43/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,219.8100000 (Square Meter)	0.1219810
37	45/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,713.9600000 (Square Meter)	0.3713960
38	45/16	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,686.4700000 (Square Meter)	0.1686470
39	45/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	515.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.0515510
40	47	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	4,389.4700000 (Square Meter)	0.4389470
41	48/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	303.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.0303510
42	48/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,960.9500000 (Square Meter)	0.1960950
43	48/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	5,641.4300000 (Square Meter)	0.5641430
44	48/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	328.5700000 (Square Meter)	0.0328570
45	58/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	6,505.9200000 (Square Meter)	0.6505920
46	58/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,458.2700000 (Square Meter)	0.1458270
47	58/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,567.7100000 (Square Meter)	0.3567710
48	59/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	7,947.2200000 (Square Meter)	0.7947220
49	60	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.5800000 (Square Meter)	0.0010580
50	68	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	395.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.0395990
51	70	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	254.0500000 (Square Meter)	0.0254050
52	71	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	675.8900000 (Square Meter)	0.0675890
53	72/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,258.7900000 (Square Meter)	0.1258790
54	72/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	657.6400000 (Square Meter)	0.0657640
55	73/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	4,399.4800000 (Square Meter)	0.4399480
56	73/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	213.0100000 (Square Meter)	0.0213010
57	73/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	38.3300000 (Square Meter)	0.0038330
58	74	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	4,854.1900000 (Square Meter)	0.4854190
59	75/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,413.4300000 (Square Meter)	0.1413430
60	75/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	135.8800000 (Square Meter)	0.0135880
61	77/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/Garden	1,393.0700000 (Square Meter)	0.1393070
62	77/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	1,460.7700000 (Square Meter)	0.1460770
63	77/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,584.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.1584870
64	78/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	482.7100000 (Square Meter)	0.0482710
65	78/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,521.0100000 (Square Meter)	0.2521010
66	79	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	102.8900000 (Square Meter)	0.0102890
67	97/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	46.1700000 (Square Meter)	0.0046170
68	Nala	Government (Nala)	Nala	764.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.0764870
Village: Konkere					
1	101/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	607.0200000 (Square Meter)	0.0607020
2	101/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,819.8100000 (Square Meter)	0.3819810
3	101/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,315.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.1315210
4	101/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,517.5500000 (Square Meter)	0.1517550
5	101/5	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	794.5500000 (Square Meter)	0.0794550
6	102	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	970.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0970860
7	103	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	76.7500000 (Square Meter)	0.0076750
8	104/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	7,527.9500000 (Square Meter)	0.7527950
9	104/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,922.2300000 (Square Meter)	0.1922230
10	104/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	529.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.0529110
11	104/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	6,413.2800000 (Square Meter)	0.6413280
12	118/13	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	505.8500000 (Square Meter)	0.0505850
13	118/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	6,288.2800000 (Square Meter)	0.6288280
14	121/21	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	910.5300000 (Square Meter)	0.0910530
15	121/23	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,691.9600000 (Square Meter)	0.1691960
16	121/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	15.6800000 (Square Meter)	0.0015680
17	121/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,028.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.1028360
18	121/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	638.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.0638110
19	121/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,112.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.1112870
20	121/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	607.0200000 (Square Meter)	0.0607020
21	121/8A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,547.6500000 (Square Meter)	0.3547650
22	121/8B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,416.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.1416380
23	121/8B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,416.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.1416380
24	121/9	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	423.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.0423110
25	135	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10,152.1100000 (Square Meter)	1.0152110
26	137/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	875.6800000 (Square Meter)	0.0875680
27	137/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,659.5400000 (Square Meter)	0.1659540
28	137/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,002.5800000 (Square Meter)	0.4002580
29	137/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	209.6100000 (Square Meter)	0.0209610
30	137/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	168.6100000 (Square Meter)	0.0168610
31	137/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	179.1300000 (Square Meter)	0.0179130
32	138/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,876.6600000 (Square Meter)	0.3876660
33	138/5	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	44.1400000 (Square Meter)	0.0044140
34	138/6	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,622.2600000 (Square Meter)	0.1622260
35	138/7	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,405.1800000 (Square Meter)	0.1406180
36	139/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	535.3900000 (Square Meter)	0.0535390
37	141/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,231.7500000 (Square Meter)	0.3231750
38	142/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,393.6500000 (Square Meter)	0.1393650
39	142/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	154.7900000 (Square Meter)	0.0154790
40	143/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	8,813.2500000 (Square Meter)	0.8813250
41	143/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,815.3300000 (Square Meter)	0.1815330
42	143/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	924.4900000 (Square Meter)	0.0924490
43	144/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.9700000 (Square Meter)	0.0010970
44	144/10	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,188.9200000 (Square Meter)	0.1188920
45	144/19	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	167.4200000 (Square Meter)	0.0167420
46	144/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,216.4900000 (Square Meter)	0.2216490
47	144/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,326.7900000 (Square Meter)	0.1326790
48	144/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,395.5500000 (Square Meter)	0.2395550
49	144/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	244.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0244860
50	144/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,438.0100000 (Square Meter)	0.1438010

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Two men killed in separate incidents in Bengaluru city

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Two youths were killed in two separate incidents on Saturday.

Jaweed Khan, 25, who has a shop servicing and selling CCTV cameras, was rushed to a hospital in Shivajinagar with a stab wound in his neck and died on Saturday morning. Minutes before that, he was seen arguing with a couple who lived on rent on the third floor of the same building, Bhimashankar Guled, DCP (East) said.

The police have detained the couple on the third floor and are questioning them. Sources said Khan was in love with the woman on the third floor, but she had married another man recently. However, Khan had still been pursuing her and barged into their house on Saturday morning and had a tiff with them. In the melee, he is suspected to have been stabbed, the police said. "The stab wound may have damaged a major nerve in the neck, leading to his death," Mr. Guled said.

In another incident, Prajwal, 21, was rushed to a private hospital with injuries caused by two other youths, who fled from the scene. Prajwal later succumbed to the injuries. The Baiyappanahalli police registered a murder case and have detained three youths in connection with the crime.

Prajwal, a resident of Nagashettyhalli, was allegedly harassing the sister of one of the suspects, now detained. On Friday night, Prajwal was allegedly teasing the girl near Baiyappanahalli Railway Station and the suspect reportedly turned up with two of his friends and beat up Prajwal with sticks and iron rods. They shifted him to a private hospital and fled from the scene. Prajwal died on Saturday morning, the police said.

Banned plastic products seized

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To effectively implement the task of completely stopping the use of single-use plastic in all the wards under eight zones of BBMP, a team of junior health inspectors, marshal supervisors and marshals of the civic body paid surprise visits to wholesale shops, hotels, plastic producing industries on Saturday.

According to an official release, during their visits, the officials seized 122.3 kg of banned plastic products at 98 places and collected an amount of ₹77,100 as fine from those who were using banned single-use plastic.

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51	144/9	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,141.9200000 (Square Meter)	0.1141920
52	145	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	8,612.6300000 (Square Meter)	0.8612630
53	148	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,056.7600000 (Square Meter)	0.1056760
54	149/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10,218.1700000 (Square Meter)	1.0218170
55	150/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,158.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.5158870
56	150/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,560.7700000 (Square Meter)	0.4560770
57	151/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,199.3700000 (Square Meter)	0.2199370
58	151/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	150.5800000 (Square Meter)	0.0150580
59	151/3B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,731.5900000 (Square Meter)	0.2731590
60	151/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	59.7200000 (Square Meter)	0.0059720
61	151/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,011.7000000 (Square Meter)	0.1011700
62	151/9	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,175.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.1175110
63	152/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	705.1600000 (Square Meter)	0.0705160
64	165	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	188.6300000 (Square Meter)	0.0188630
65	263/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,605.5500000 (Square Meter)	0.1605550
66	263/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,167.6900000 (Square Meter)	0.1167690
67	263/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	16.8500000 (Square Meter)	0.0016850
68	264/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,957.6200000 (Square Meter)	0.4957620
69	264/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,565.7700000 (Square Meter)	0.3565770
70	264/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	35.4700000 (Square Meter)	0.0035470
71	264/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	39.1900000 (Square Meter)	0.0039190
72	265/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,040.0700000 (Square Meter)	0.1040070
73	265/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,759.6200000 (Square Meter)	0.3759620
74	265/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	120.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.0120210
75	268/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,190.3500000 (Square Meter)	0.2190350
76	269/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,821.0600000 (Square Meter)	0.1821060
77	269/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,428.0800000 (Square Meter)	0.2428080
78	269/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,023.4000000 (Square Meter)	0.2023400
79	269/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,023.4000000 (Square Meter)	0.2023400
80	270/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,976.9800000 (Square Meter)	0.2976980
81	270/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	6,577.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.6577510
82	270/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	362.0000000 (Square Meter)	0.0362000
83	271	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,394.5000000 (Square Meter)	0.2394500
84	272	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	561.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.0561380
85	273	Government (Kharab)	Kharab	11,820.7300000 (Square Meter)	1.1820730
86	273	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	11,820.7300000 (Square Meter)	1.1820730
87	276	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	12,495.6400000 (Square Meter)	1.2495640
88	277	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	50,922.0400000 (Square Meter)	5.0922040
89	374/11	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	45.9600000 (Square Meter)	0.0045960
90	374/13	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	815.6800000 (Square Meter)	0.0815680
91	413	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	7,999.8500000 (Square Meter)	0.7999850
92	414	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	7,016.7600000 (Square Meter)	0.7016760
93	415/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,518.8100000 (Square Meter)	0.1518810
94	415/9	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,954.2900000 (Square Meter)	0.2954290
95	416	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	321.0500000 (Square Meter)	0.0321050
96	93/1A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,075.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.2075110
97	93/1B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,053.6600000 (Square Meter)	0.3053660
98	93/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,023.4000000 (Square Meter)	0.2023400
99	93/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,450.6300000 (Square Meter)	0.2450630
100	93/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	41.4800000 (Square Meter)	0.0041480
101	94/11	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,821.0600000 (Square Meter)	0.1821060
102	94/12A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,362.7800000 (Square Meter)	0.1362780
103	94/13	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	6,510.3200000 (Square Meter)	0.6510320
104	94/14	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,174.9300000 (Square Meter)	0.3174930
105	94/15	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,968.8800000 (Square Meter)	0.3968880
106	94/18	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	143.0300000 (Square Meter)	0.0143030
107	94/9	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	11.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.0011110
108	Nala	Government (Nala)	Nala	1,320.9400000 (Square Meter)	0.1320940
109	Nala	Government (Nala)	Nala	878.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.0878560
Village: Keresuragondanahalli					
1	20/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	12,632.6600000 (Square Meter)	1.2632660
2	20/10	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,788.9500000 (Square Meter)	0.1788950
3	20/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	71.8900000 (Square Meter)	0.0071890
4	20/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	35.9400000 (Square Meter)	0.0035940
5	20/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	137.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.0137360
6	20/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	94.2500000 (Square Meter)	0.0094250
7	20/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	115.8500000 (Square Meter)	0.0115850
8	20/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	341.0500000 (Square Meter)	0.0341050
9	20/9	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	956.1600000 (Square Meter)	0.0956160
10	21/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,870.6900000 (Square Meter)	0.1870690
11	21/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,881.3100000 (Square Meter)	0.1881310
12	21/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,404.8500000 (Square Meter)	0.2404850
13	21/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,037.7600000 (Square Meter)	0.4037760
14	22	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,660.5400000 (Square Meter)	0.3660540
15	23	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	6,689.0600000 (Square Meter)	0.6689060
16	25/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,773.7100000 (Square Meter)	0.2773710
17	25/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	7,259.9700000 (Square Meter)	0.7259970
18	25/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	103.2200000 (Square Meter)	0.0103220
19	27/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,253.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.3253210
20	27/10	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	96.3100000 (Square Meter)	0.0096310
21	27/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	202.3400000 (Square Meter)	0.0202340
22	27/5	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	38.7800000 (Square Meter)	0.0038780
23	28/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	653.2200000 (Square Meter)	0.0653220
24	28/3A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	2,428.0800000 (Square Meter)	0.2428080
25	28/3B	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	257.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.0257360
26	29/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	4,817.1500000 (Square Meter)	0.4817150
27	29/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,002.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.1002110
28	29/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	3,034.7800000 (Square Meter)	0.3034780
29	32	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	14,750.1100000 (Square Meter)	1.4750110
30	33/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	676.9800000 (Square Meter)	0.0676980
31	33/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,355.6900000 (Square Meter)	0.1355690
32	34/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,343.4100000 (Square Meter)	0.1343410
33	35	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,046.8000000 (Square Meter)	0.4046800
34	35	Government (Gomala)	Gomala	30,856.8500000 (Square Meter)	3.0856850
35	36/20	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	46.6600000 (Square Meter)	0.0046660
36	36/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,253.2700000 (Square Meter)	0.1253270
37	39	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	13,963.3700000 (Square Meter)	1.3953370
Village: Lakshmipura					
1	14	Private (Gomala)	Gomala	7,318.3100000 (Square Meter)	0.7318310
2	15	Private (Gomala)	Gomala	4,398.2400000 (Square Meter)	0.4398240
3	16	Government (Forest)	Kharab	8,695.1600000 (Square Meter)	0.8695160
4	19	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	6,287.1700000 (Square Meter)	0.6287170
5	20	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	17,118.3600000 (Square Meter)	1.7118360
6	21/1	Government (Banjaru)	Banjaru	12,628.7700000 (Square Meter)	1.2628770
7	21/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,501.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.3501990
8	21/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,010.7200000 (Square Meter)	0.4010720
9	85/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,405.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.1405360
10	85/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,469.6400000 (Square Meter)	0.5469640
11	86/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,696.1600000 (Square Meter)	0.1696160
12	86/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	650.1300000 (Square Meter)	0.0650130
13	86/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,759.9700000 (Square Meter)	0.1759970
14	91	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	616.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.0616120
15	92/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,089.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.1089110
16	92/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,155.9600000 (Square Meter)	0.2155960
17	92/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,099.3100000 (Square Meter)	0.1099310
18	92/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,881.1800000 (Square Meter)	0.1881180
19	93/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	665.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.0665990
20	93/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,298.1300000 (Square Meter)	0.1298130
21	93/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	696.1000000 (Square Meter)	0.0696100
22	93/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,111.2600000 (Square Meter)	0.1111260
Village: Lingadahalli					
1	55/10	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	9,436.3300000 (Square Meter)	0.9436330
2	55/11	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,654.1600000 (Square Meter)	0.1654160
3	55/12	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	41.5900000 (Square Meter)	0.0041590
4	55/19	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	501.2600000 (Square Meter)	0.0501260
5	55/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,995.8900000 (Square Meter)	0.3995890
6	55/20	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,326.9100000 (Square Meter)	0.2326910
7	55/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010860
8	55/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,503.8500000 (Square Meter)	0.2503850
9	57	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	919.3200000 (Square Meter)	0.0919320
10	61/11	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.9800000 (Square Meter)	0.0010980
11	61/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	8,254.0100000 (Square Meter)	0.8254010
12	61/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,767.7300000 (Square Meter)	0.3767730
13	61/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,540.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.2540110
14	61/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	968.9200000 (Square Meter)	0.0968920
15	62	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	9,269.7400000 (Square Meter)	0.9269740
16	63/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	267.9600000 (Square Meter)	0.0267960
17	63/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,613.4100000 (Square Meter)	0.1613410
18	66/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,415.7600000 (Square Meter)	0.3415760
19	66/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,685.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.1685870
20	66/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	835.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.0835560
21	66/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	898.4900000 (Square Meter)	0.0898490
22	66/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,884.7600000 (Square Meter)	0.1884760
23	67/2A1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,028.2200000 (Square Meter)	0.3028220
24	67/2A2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,956.6600000 (Square Meter)	0.3956660
25	67/2B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,646.8800000 (Square Meter)	0.4646880
26	67/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,758.7100000 (Square Meter)	0.4758710
27	93	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,240.3900000 (Square Meter)	0.5240390
28	95/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	114.8200000 (Square Meter)	0.0114820
29	96/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,887.1300000 (Square Meter)	0.5887130
30	96/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,105.6900000 (Square Meter)	0.2105690
Village: Shegebagi					
1	165	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	17,466.5400000 (Square Meter)	1.7466540
2	198/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,644.1300000 (Square Meter)	0.2644130
3	198/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,416.8300000 (Square Meter)	0.2416830
4	199	Government (Kharab)	Kharab	2,950.2300000 (Square Meter)	0.2950230
5	201	Private (Agriculture)	DRY	9,458.5500000 (Square Meter)	0.9458550
6	202	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	20,942.3800000 (Square Meter)	2.0942380
7	205/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	87.6400000 (Square Meter)	0.0087640
8	234/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	200.7500000 (Square Meter)	0.0200750
9	235	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,174.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.2174110
10	236/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,859.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.1859560
11	249	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	11,612.6600000 (Square Meter)	1.1612660
12	250/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	815.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.0815990
13	252	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,259.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.3259110
14	253	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,396.5400000 (Square Meter)	0.4396540
15	267	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	7,127.7200000 (Square Meter)	0.7127720
Village: Soralamavu					
1	79/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	15,234.3500000 (Square Meter)	1.5234350
2	80/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	8,167.4600000 (Square Meter)	0.8167460

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Monkeypox: Vigil in areas in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts

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Health officials have mounted a vigil along Karnataka's borders with Kerala in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts in the wake of the country's first confirmed case of monkeypox reported from the neighbouring State.

While health officials in Mysuru said that a team of personnel were screening all the passengers entering Karnataka from Kerala through the Bavali check-post in H.D. Kote since Friday, Chamarajanagar district health officials have sounded an alert in the health facilities in villages along the border with Kerala for persons with symptoms of monkeypox.

H.D. Kote Taluk Health officer Ravi Kumar said a team of health officials had been deployed at the inter-State check-post at Bavali. "We are checking the passengers of all the vehicles passing through the check-post for fever, rashes on the body or other symptoms of monkeypox", the official said.

Though Kerala's border with Karnataka spreads through several kilometres in Mysuru district, health officials said they will be only screening people entering the State from the check-post at Bavali. "We are taking down the names of all the passengers while checking them for temperature and making inquiries if they are sufferring from fever or having rashes", the official said.

There was no need for panic and the vigil had been mounted only as a precautionary measure, the official said adding that monkeypox is known to spread through bodily contact with an infected person. Meanwhile, health officials in Chamarajanagar, who have also sounded an alert in health facilities in villages of Gundlupet taluk bordering Kerala, said two wards have been reserved in Gundlupet general hospital as isolation wards for any suspected case of monkeypox.

Chamarajanagar District Health Officer Vishveshwaraiah said health facilities in the villages have been instructed to watch out for persons with symptoms.

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3	80/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,153.3500000 (Square Meter)	0.5153350
4	83	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	11,581.7100000 (Square Meter)	1.1581710
Village: Thammadihalli					
1	58/10	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	69.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.0069510
2	58/6	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	121.0300000 (Square Meter)	0.0121030
3	58/7A	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	690.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.0690210
4	58/7B	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,247.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.2247120
5	58/8	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	6,677.2200000 (Square Meter)	0.6677220
6	58/9	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	631.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.0631120
7	60/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,315.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.1315210
8	60/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	809.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.0809360
9	60/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	605.6700000 (Square Meter)	0.0605670
10	69/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,495.2400000 (Square Meter)	0.3495240
11	69/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,497.6600000 (Square Meter)	0.3497660
12	69/4	Private (Dry)	Dry	6,101.4200000 (Square Meter)	0.6101420
13	69/5A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,836.6400000 (Square Meter)	0.2836640
14	69/5B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,328.4500000 (Square Meter)	0.1328450
15	69/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	480.7700000 (Square Meter)	0.0480770
16	70	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10,659.3700000 (Square Meter)	1.0659370
17	71	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	297.1500000 (Square Meter)	0.0297150
18	78/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,444.6100000 (Square Meter)	0.2444610
19	78/8A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	546.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.0546210
20	78/8B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,210.2550000 (Square Meter)	0.5210255
21	79/12	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	3,275.5300000 (Square Meter)	0.3275530
22	79/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	721.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0721860
23	79/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,919.3300000 (Square Meter)	0.2919330
24	79/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,955.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.1955120
25	79/5A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,456.7500000 (Square Meter)	0.1456750
26	79/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,125.7900000 (Square Meter)	0.1125790
27	79/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	875.7100000 (Square Meter)	0.0875710
28	80/12	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,147.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.2147120
29	80/1A	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	93.3200000 (Square Meter)	0.0093320
30	80/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,411.6300000 (Square Meter)	0.2411630
31	80/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,002.9900000 (Square Meter)	0.4002990
32	80/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	6,183.3100000 (Square Meter)	0.6183310
33	80/9	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	112.6800000 (Square Meter)	0.0112680
34	85/12	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	42.1800000 (Square Meter)	0.0042180
35	85/14	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,300.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.4300120
36	85/15	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	38.7800000 (Square Meter)	0.0038780
37	85/16	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,815.5500000 (Square Meter)	0.4815550
38	85/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,311.8800000 (Square Meter)	0.1311880
39	86/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	4,630.5700000 (Square Meter)	0.4630570
40	86/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	2,943.7600000 (Square Meter)	0.2943760
41	86/8	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	265.6500000 (Square Meter)	0.0265650
42	87/5B	Private (Agriculture)	Dry/ Garden	48.5300000 (Square Meter)	0.0048530
43	87/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	7,234.4500000 (Square Meter)	0.7234450
Village: Thimmalapura					
1	661/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	451.2400000 (Square Meter)	0.0451240
2	661/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	260.9100000 (Square Meter)	0.0260910
3	661/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	28.1500000 (Square Meter)	0.0028150
4	661/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	10.9600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010960
5	664/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	17.5200000 (Square Meter)	0.0017520
6	667/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,279.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.1279510
7	667/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	370.9200000 (Square Meter)	0.0370920
8	667/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,821.0600000 (Square Meter)	0.1821060
9	668	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	708.1900000 (Square Meter)	0.0708190
10	668	Government (Kharab)	Kharab	3,035.1000000 (Square Meter)	0.3035100
11	669	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,296.1000000 (Square Meter)	0.2296100
12	670/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	534.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.0534120
13	670/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	406.1900000 (Square Meter)	0.0406190
14	670/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	12.3500000 (Square Meter)	0.0012350
15	671	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,577.1900000 (Square Meter)	0.1577190
16	672/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	803.5900000 (Square Meter)	0.0803590
17	672/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	910.5300000 (Square Meter)	0.0910530
18	672/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	809.3600000 (Square Meter)	0.0809360
19	673/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,541.2700000 (Square Meter)	0.1541270
20	673/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	74.1800000 (Square Meter)	0.0074180
21	673/3	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	202.3400000 (Square Meter)	0.0202340
22	673/4	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	303.5100000 (Square Meter)	0.0303510
23	674	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,618.7200000 (Square Meter)	0.1618720
24	675/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	519.2100000 (Square Meter)	0.0519210
25	676/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	87.4700000 (Square Meter)	0.0087470
26	676/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	248.8300000 (Square Meter)	0.0248830
27	677/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	52.1600000 (Square Meter)	0.0052160
28	677/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	219.3700000 (Square Meter)	0.0219370
29	677/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	28.7400000 (Square Meter)	0.0028740
30	678/1	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	1,773.0800000 (Square Meter)	0.1773080
31	678/2	Private (Agriculture)	Garden	2,442.5700000 (Square Meter)	0.2442570
32	679	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,247.8400000 (Square Meter)	0.1247840
33	697/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	4,056.4200000 (Square Meter)	0.4056420
34	698/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,510.8200000 (Square Meter)	0.2510820
35	698/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,987.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.1987380
36	699/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,828.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.1828120
37	699/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,479.8000000 (Square Meter)	0.2479800
38	700/11	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010860
39	700/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,420.9500000 (Square Meter)	0.1420950
40	700/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,252.1500000 (Square Meter)	0.1252150
41	700/7	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,416.3800000 (Square Meter)	0.1416380
42	700/8	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	46.1000000 (Square Meter)	0.0046100
43	701/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,580.7300000 (Square Meter)	0.1580730
44	702/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	499.5800000 (Square Meter)	0.0499580
45	702/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	5,159.6700000 (Square Meter)	0.5159670
46	703/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	50.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.0050120
47	705/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,282.1900000 (Square Meter)	0.2282190
48	705/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,378.3500000 (Square Meter)	0.1378350
49	705/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	499.6300000 (Square Meter)	0.0499630
50	710/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,319.1200000 (Square Meter)	0.2319120
51	710/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	799.4500000 (Square Meter)	0.0799450
52	710/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	775.5700000 (Square Meter)	0.0775570
53	710/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	1,561.9100000 (Square Meter)	0.1561910
54	710/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.5600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010560
55	711/1	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10,015.8300000 (Square Meter)	1.0015830
56	711/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	8,194.7700000 (Square Meter)	0.8194770
57	712	Government (Kharab)	Kharab	3,968.9700000 (Square Meter)	0.3968970
58	728/6	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	18.9600000 (Square Meter)	0.0018960
59	729	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	10.8600000 (Square Meter)	0.0010860
60	745/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	502.5900000 (Square Meter)	0.0502590
61	745/5	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	2,892.6800000 (Square Meter)	0.2892680
62	753/2	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	8.8700000 (Square Meter)	0.0008870
63	753/3	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	77.1400000 (Square Meter)	0.0077140
64	753/4	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	163.2900000 (Square Meter)	0.0163290
65	754	Private (Agriculture)	Dry	12,924.1300000 (Square Meter)	1.2924130
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RAJESH GUPTA, Director

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IN BRIEF

Officials from NITI Aayog visit Yadgir district

YADGIR

NITI Aayog officials visited Yadgir district, selected as one among the aspirational districts in the country, to inspect projects implemented under the scheme.

State govt. revokes ban on taking photos at its offices

Order was withdrawn within 24 hours after it drew widespread criticism

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government in the early hours of Saturday withdrew the order banning photography and videography inside its offices, following strong criticism from various quarters.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that he was unaware of the order that was passed on Friday and decided to revoke it as soon as he knew about it.

The government had on Friday morning issued the order prohibiting taking photos and videos in its offices without prior permission. This followed a petition submitted to the government by the president of Karnataka State Government Employees' Association, seeking a ban.

However, following criticism, Mr. Bommai examined the order and instructed that it be revoked. Accordingly, the order was withdrawn by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, a portfolio that is held by the Chief Minister himself.

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>
> BASAVARAJ BOMMAI
> Chief Minister

Speaking to the media, Mr. Bommai clarified that the order had not come to his attention. "Government employees had been complaining about this for a while, especially since uploading of photos and videos taken in government offices had caused problems to women employees. However, our administration is being run in a transparent manner and we have nothing to hide. We want things to continue as before without any restrictions," he said.

In his memorandum, the association president had alleged that while it is common for the general public to visit government offices regularly, individuals were entering the premises and taking photographs and videos of the functioning of the offices. They were then being circulated on social media "recklessly" and there was also a possibility of these being "misused", which "lower the dignity of government offices."

Following the memorandum, the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms had said that it is illegal to take photos and videos during working hours without prior permission of the authorities. This was to be applicable to all government offices, at district, taluk and village levels, besides in the State capital.

However, the order was strongly criticised as a move that will not allow for transparency in the government's functioning. The Karnataka Rashtra Samiti had said that the government is trying to use a draconian rule and it was anti-people

The Janata Dal (Secular) had sought to know what the government had to hide, making references to allegations that bureaucrats and Ministers were seeking "40% commission" to clear tenders and bills.

Separate battalion for manning State airports in the offing

NAGESH PRABHU
BENGALURU

With seven more airports likely to become operational in a year or two in tier-two cities of Karnataka, the Home Department has proposed to raise a separate battalion for providing security at airports.

Official sources in the Home Department told *The Hindu* that a proposal was mooted to establish the separate battalion of a few hundred personnel for manning security at airports in the State and the proposal was "under active consideration" of the government.

Currently, the Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF), which was established about a decade ago, has taken over security of the six State's commercial airports of Mangaluru, Belagavi, Hubballi, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, and Bidar.

KSISF was raised on the lines of the Central Industrial Security Force to provide security to vital installations such as public sector undertakings, power plants, Vidhana Soudha, dams, and even major private sector firms in the State.

Currently, KSISF takes care of security at the six commercial airports. • FILE PHOTO

As more than a dozen airports would become operational in the coming years, there would be a need for a specialised trained personnel for managing airports to ensure security of passengers and infrastructure, sources said. The proposed battalion would be deployed only at airports. The State government has allocated lands and funds for developing seven airports - Shivamogga, Vijayapura, Ballari, Raichur, Hassan, Koppal, and Davangere.

Besides, the Union Ministry for Civil Aviation has written to the State government to provide KSISF security at HAL Airport in Bengaluru. The Director of the Government Flying Training School (GFTS) at Jakkur in the city too has urged the government to provide security to the school.

Besides HAL airport, GFTS, and the upcoming seven airports, the trained battalion would also be deployed at airports which are currently guarded by KSISF.

A sum of ₹450 crore had been sanctioned to the airport at Shivamogga and it would become operational by this year end. Airports at Vijayapura and Hassan would become operational in 2023 and the government has sanctioned ₹220 crore and ₹193 crore respectively, sources said.

Breathtaking spectacle

Visitors at Amboli waterfalls in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra, close to the Karnataka-Maharashtra border. The police banned the entry of vehicles as the intensity of water flow increased on Saturday. • P.K. BADIGER

BJP plans 'beneficiary rallies' ahead of Assembly elections

Leaders such as Amit Shah and Nadda to take part in them

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The BJP has chalked out a road map to hold a series of "beneficiary rallies" (of beneficiaries of Union and State government welfare schemes) across the Karnataka ahead of Assembly elections scheduled for mid 2023.

The party will hold a mega rally of beneficiaries in Doddaballapur on July 28 to mark one year of Basavaraj Bommai taking over as Chief Minister. "One lakh beneficiaries of Union and State governments will participate in this rally," said Mahesh Tenginakayi, general secretary, BJP Karnataka.

Two rallies every month

Following this, the party has decided to hold two such rallies every month in various districts across the State to "take the programmes of Union and State governments to every household." The rallies will see senior national leaders like Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president J.P. Nadda participating. Mr. Bommai will also hold rallies and lead government programmes, laying foundation stones for several developmental works in 50 selected constituencies, Mr. Tenginakayi said.

'Opposition in touch'

The one-day brainstorming session of the party on Friday decided to focus on Kalyana Karnataka and Old Mysore region where the party was relatively weak. "Several senior leaders from the Congress and the JD(S) in both the regions are in touch with our senior leaders and will join BJP by the time of elections," Mr. Tenginakayi said.

Presidential polls: MLAs told to gather at star hotel

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Ahead of the Presidential election voting on Monday, the BJP has asked all its MLAs to congregate at a private star hotel in the city by Sunday afternoon. Some MLAs reportedly have taken objection to reaching the city a full day ahead of the polls, as they reportedly argued there were heavy rains and flood-like situation in their constituencies. However, the party has asked them to congregate well in time before the polling day.

"MLAs reaching the city on Monday morning is a bit risky, as some may miss a flight, train, or rains may create unforeseen obstacles. So, the party has asked all of us to congregate by Sunday afternoon," said Rajkumar Patil Telkur, BJP spokesperson and MLA, Sedam.

The party will also hold a training session for MLAs on voting in the presidential elections.

Woman from Kulageri says she did not mean to insult Siddaramaiah

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BELAGAVI

"It is true that I tried to return the money given by Siddarmaiah on Friday. But, I did not mean to insult him," said the woman who on Friday had thrown back the money given by the Congress leader at Kulageri cross in Bagalkot district.

The woman's son had been hurt in a communal clash earlier in this month and Mr. Siddaramaiah, Leader of the Opposition and MLA of the constituency, had visited the victims and families on Friday and offered ₹50,000 to four families. The woman, identified as Rajima Begum, had said she needed justice and not money.

In a video message on Saturday, she said, "When Mr. Siddaramaiah gave me the money, I told him we don't want the money, but we want justice. My sister ran behind the car holding the notes, planning to return them. She tripped and the notes fell." However, later she had been convinced to take the money.

'Our families targeted'

In the video message addressed to Mr. Siddaramaiah, the two women said they knew that he had given it as a gesture of goodwill and that it was his personal contribution. "We know that you meant well. But we are too tense at what is happening. Our family members have been frequently targeted. We have lost all hope," one of the women said.

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Tender Notification - Two Cover System – 2nd Call (e-Procurement Only)

The tenders (Two-Cover System) are invited induplicate from eligible tenderers, registered Contractor/ Firm/Agency, by the Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi-18, under standard tender document procedure K/W format for the work of Setting up of roof top Solar Power Plant at VTU, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi for Rs.1.62 Crores. Two cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. The tenderers who have executed similar nature of single work costing 80% of amount put to tender, shall only apply for this work. Other details log on to website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on 18.07.2022.

DPS/BGM/RO-NO-537/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/-Registrar, VTU, Belagavi**

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XXVIth ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE COURT HALL No.20

O.S. No.3588/2020

PLAINTIFFS:
1) **MRS USHA RANI @ RACHEL**, Aged 51 years, Wife of D.Vincent Paul Raj, Presently residing at #79, 5th Cross, P&T Layout, Horamavu, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru – 560 043, and
2) **MRS. DIVYA @ DEBORAH**, Aged 31 years, Wife of Karthik Pushparaj Jayalakshmi and, Daughter of D. Vincent Paul Raj, Permanently residing at #79, 5th Cross, P&T Layout, Horamavu, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru – 560 043,
Now residing at Flat 2, 21A Ashlodge, Langley Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD17 4 PR, United Kingdom,
represented herein by her mother and Attorney
MRS USHA RANI @ RACHEL
-Versus-
DEFENDANTS :
MRS SHASHIKALA. D and Others
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS NOS. 3
MR. PRABHU KUMAR,
Aged 55 years, Son of Late Alberts M, #154, Nehru Main Road, Kammanahalli, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru – 560 084.

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiffs have instituted the above suit for partial cancellation of the Deed of Sale dated 12/09/2018 and the Deed of Sale dated 24/1/2019 as far as it relates to the suit Schedule "F" and "G" Properties together with delivery of vacant possession of the aforesaid properties and consequential permanent injunction restraining the Defendants from alienating or encumbering the aforesaid properties.

SCHEDULE "F"
SCHEDULE "F" PROPERTY
(Portion bequeathed to Mrs. Usharani @ Rachel, i.e. the First Plaintiff)
Eastern portion of **First Floor** of residential property bearing No 49/814, (Old Site no 2, Assessment No 4, Katha No 814), situated at Kammanahalli village, Kacharakanahalli Dhakale Kasaba Hobli , Bangalore north Taluk, and now within the jurisdiction of the BBMP coming under ward No.89, Sarvagnanagar, Bangalore, consisting of two bedrooms, Hall, Kitchen and Toilet.

SCHEDULE "G"
SCHEDULE "G" PROPERTY
(Portion bequeathed to Divya @ Deborah, i.e. the Second Plaintiff)
Eastern portion of **Ground Floor** of residential property bearing No 49/814, (Old Site no 2, Assessment No 4, Katha No 814), situated at Kammanahalli village, Kacharakanahalli Dhakale Kasaba Hobli , Bangalore north Taluk, and now within the jurisdiction of the BBMP coming under ward No.89, Sarvagnanagar, Bangalore, consisting of two bedrooms, Hall, Kitchen and Toilet.

You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **19th day of September, 2022** at 11.00 am in the forenoon to answer the same failing which the suit will disposed of ex parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 15th day of July 2022.

Advocates for Plaintiff
Arjun Rego
Messrs Rego & Rego
N-509, Manipal Centre,
#47/3, Dickenson Road,
Bangalore-560 042.

By Order of the Court
Sd/-
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo Hall Unit,
Bangalore

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮುವಿ/ಅಭದ್ಧವಿವಿಭಾಗ/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್/09, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16-07-2022

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿ ಅಧಿಮಂಡಲದ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (**E-procurement portal**) ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

Name of the tender: (1) Maintenance works to B Block 2 Quartres and Repair Works to Quartres No 5 6 7 8 at Mangalore University Mangalagangaothri- Reserved for Schedule Tribe (ED/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT195), Category: Works, Last date and time for submission of tenders: **22/07/2022 17:00:00**

(2) Construction of Vehicle Shed to C type Quarters Block 01 (House No: 1 2 3 4 5 and 6) at Mangalore University campus, Mangalagangothri (ED/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT196), Category: Works, Last date and time for submission of tenders: **22/07/2022 17:00:00**

(3) Construction of Vehicle Shed to A type Quarters No: 6 7 8 10 and 12 at Mangalore University campus Mangalagangothri (ED/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT197), Category: Works, Last date and time for submission of tenders: **22/07/2022 17:00:00**

(4) Providing suitable generator for Vice Chancellor bungalow, Registrar and Registrar Evaluation Quarters in Mangalore University Campus Mangalagangothri Providing suitable generator for Vice Chancellor bungalow Registrar and Registrar Evaluation Quarters in Mangalore University Campus Mangalagangothri(ED/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT198), Category: Works, Last date and time for submission of tenders: **22/07/2022 17:00:00**

DIPR/ADM/MCA/375/22-23 dt. 16.07.2022 ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು

Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI
No: EE/PWD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2022-23/ 2407 Date: 15.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work : Executive Engineer PWD Division Invites tender for the (08) Works under KKRDB for indent No 151587, 153053, 151567, 150657, 153030, 153031, 151588, 151590, 2) Estimate cost : **Min Rs.10.00 Lakhs Max Rs. 150.00 Laks**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class IV III , & above, 4) EMD AMOUNT : Min Rs. 23000.00 Max Rs.200000.00, 5) Pre bid Meeting: 27.07.2022 (11.00 Hrs), 6) Last date for queries: 28.07.2022 (17.30 Hrs), 7) Last date for Submission of bid: 29.07.2022 (16.00 Hrs), 8) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : 30.07.2022 (16.30 Hrs), 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid : 02.08.2022 (11.30 Hrs), 10) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) Note : GST Will be Paid Separately, 12) Website : www.e-proc.Karnatak.gov.in

DIPR/Kalaburagi/375/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/ - Executive Engineer
PWD Division Kalaburagi

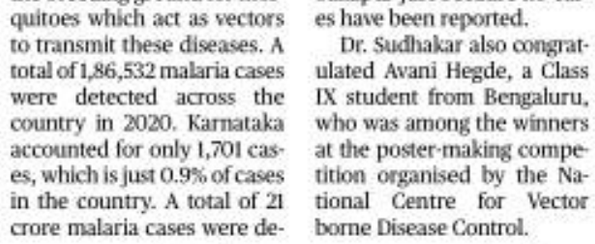
Karnataka will be free of malaria by 2025, says Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Though the Centre has given a target of eradicating malaria by 2030, the Karnataka government has taken it as a challenge to make the State malaria free by 2025, said Health Minister K. Sudhakar.

Speaking at the workshop organised by the Karnataka Health Department, Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance, and Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network on 'Accelerating towards a Malaria Free Karnataka by 2025', he said to achieve this target, the government requires the support of non-governmental organisations and the public in addition to government programmes. "It should become every citizens responsibility to keep their surroundings clean," he said, further instructing officials to travel to districts with high malaria cases and encourage people to take preventive measures to avoid the diseases.

"There was no proper testing facilities for malaria earlier and in the 1980s and 1990s, we started testing whenever someone caught a fever. With such testing and awareness programs among communities, the number of cases have drastically come down," said the Minister. However, malaria should not to be taken lightly. Only 100 malaria cases have been recorded in the past six months, but the monsoon season is a challenging period and we are seeing an uptick in the number of malaria cases in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi, as also in areas that have proximity to forests, he said.



Health Minister K. Sudhakar felicitating Avani Hegde, a Class IX student who was among the winners at a poster-making competition organised by the National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control, in Bengaluru on Saturday.

"Generally, cases of malaria and dengue increase during the monsoon season and currently, there has been very heavy rain in 13 districts of Karnataka. Due to the rain, waterlogging occurs in unused buckets, tyres, empty coconut shells etc. which is the breeding ground for mosquitoes which act as vectors to transmit these diseases. A total of 1,86,532 malaria cases were detected across the country in 2020. Karnataka accounted for only 1,701 cases, which is just 0.9% of cases in the country. A total of 21 crore malaria cases were detected across the world this year and out of this 6.27 lakh people have fallen victim," the Minister said in a release.

Awareness programmes have to be created among communities in places that are seeing an uptick in malaria, and treatment alone is not enough, as precautionary measures need to be taken to ensure that the disease does not come back, he said, also pointing out that we need to be vigilant and not assume that there are no cases in districts like Kolar and Chikkaballapur just because no cases have been reported.

Dr. Sudhakar also congratulated Avani Hegde, a Class IX student from Bengaluru, who was among the winners at the poster-making competition organised by the National Centre for Vector borne Disease Control.

Textile parks in all taluk centres planned: CM

Lays stone for Shiggaon Textile Park

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said the State government was contemplating setting up textile parks in all taluk centres considering the potential of textile industry.

Speaking after laying the foundation stone for Shiggaon Textile Park and construction of a garment unit of Texport Industries Pvt. Ltd. at Basapur village in Shiggaon taluk of Haveri district, he said that large-scale employment was being generated in garment industry. In Bengaluru alone, around 10 lakh women were employed in garment industries, he said.

More jobs

He said that with the establishment of textile park, employment would be created for at least 10,000 people and it would help improve the financial position. The textile parks would also be beneficial to the farmers, he said.

Minister Shankar Patil Munenakoppa said there was good cultivation of cotton in Shiggaon taluk where there was wide scope for establishment of ginning, spinning, processing, printing, and garment units. The textile park in Shiggaon would create employment to 5,000 people, he said.

He said: "For the first time in the State, a textile park entirely owned by the government is being set up in Shiggaon. In two phases, requisite infrastructure for establishment of garment and textile units will be provided. In the first, ₹25 crore will be spent on infrastructure. Anchor promoter Texport Industries will set up its garment factory in Shiggaon to create 3,000 jobs. By the time the textile park is completed, an investment of ₹2,000 crore will be made."

Mr. Patil said that considering the economic challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic, the State government would be amending the new Textile and Garment Policy 2019-24. After amendments, the policy would facilitate creation of more jobs in the textile and garment sector, he said.

The Minister said the amendments included extending interest subsidy scheme to medium industries along with big industries; extending the ceiling on rebates and incentives up to 100%; payment subsidy of ₹3,000 for each worker in garment industries to be set up in Kalyana Karnataka region and others.

IN BRIEF

POCSO victim allowed to terminate pregnancy

KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has allowed medical termination of 24 weeks' pregnancy of a 15-year-old victim under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act at SAT Hospital. The court has directed the superintendent of the hospital to take immediate measures to constitute a medical team for the termination. It ordered that an undertaking be filed by the petitioner authorising the hospital to conduct the termination at her own risk.

Boy dies after consuming food at a madrasa in A.P.

GUNTUR

Munna, a 14-year-old boy, died and four others fell ill after they consumed food at a madrasa in Gurazala. The incident happened Saturday afternoon . A preliminary investigation revealed that the boys consumed food which was brought to the madrasa by a man who hosted dinner at a house warming ceremony on Friday night.The police are examining if the food was packed in containers were laced with pesticides as the man who hosted dinner was a fertilizer dealer.

Expose Central govt.'s discrimination, says KCR

HYDERABAD

Chief Minister and TRS president K. Chandrasekhar Rao has asked the MPs of the party to voice their concern against the "discriminatory and vengeful" attitude of the Centre towards Telangana during the monsoon session of Parliament starting Monday. He gave directions on the party's strategy for the session, particularly to expose the Centre for its failure to keep the bifurcation promises and acting against the constitutional rights of the State.

Army on standby in Bhadrachalam

Godavari flows 15 feet above danger mark in the temple town

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM

Though the swollen Godavari showed signs of receding with slight decrease in the inflows from the upper reaches, the water level in the river at Bhadrachalam hovered around 68 feet, 15 feet above the danger mark, on Saturday night with official machinery continuing to keep their guard up to tackle any eventuality.

A team of Indian Army comprising 101 personnel is on the standby in Bhadrachalam to meet any flood exigency.

Roads under water

Many parts of the Agency, including the temple town of Bhadrachalam, remained cut off for the second day in a row on Saturday.

All the main roads, including several stretches of the National Highway 30, remained under a sheet of water and dozens of island villages marooned by floodwaters with the Godavari still flowing ferociously all along the river course in the tribal majority district.

Nearly 25,975 people from as many as 87 flood affected villages continue to stay in 78 relief camps in Bhadrachalam, Dummugudem, Charla and elsewhere in the district.

Telangana Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar visited several flood affected areas in and around Bhadrachalam on Saturday and took stock of the situation.

To prevent outbreak of epidemic diseases in the flood affected areas, the State set in motion an action plan to deploy special teams to conduct medical camps, sources said.

Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar performing special pujas along the banks of the Godavari river.

Recurring problem

Aggrieved residents of Subash Nagar Colony, one of the flood-affected areas in Bhadrachalam, staged a dharna on Saturday to protest against the recurring problem of flooding.

Scores of denizens squatted on the main road in front of the Government Degree College to press for concrete measures to find a permanent solution to the recurring floods in the low-lying areas of the town during the rainy season almost every year. CPI(M) cadres also joined the protest.

Over 60,000 shifted to relief camps in A.P.

ELURU

More than 60,000 people have been shifted to rehabilitation centres from the flood-affected villages in six districts in Andhra Pradesh, officials said. The Godavari floods, which is the worst in the last three decades, has impacted more than 600 habitations in 44 mandals. In all, 220 relief camps have been set up.

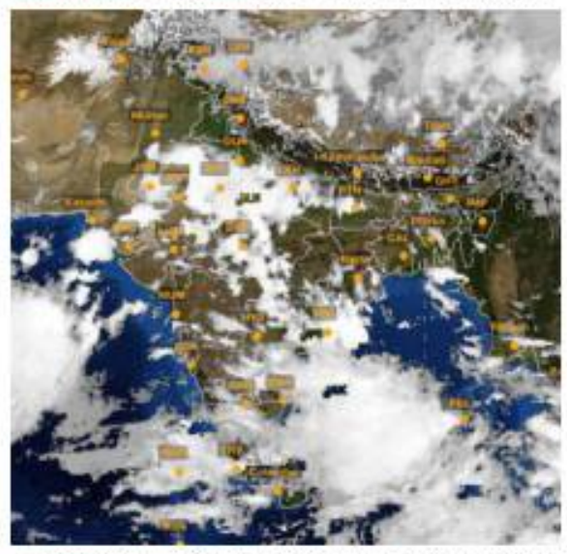
Four die in northern districts of Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Heavy rain continued to batter north Kerala and parts of high range areas of the State as monsoon intensified across the State. Four persons died in rain-related incidents in north Kerala districts on Saturday. Two deaths were in Kozhikode and one each in Wayanad and Kasaragod. Whirlwinds caused destruction in Thrissur.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	35.6	27.5	Kozhikode	42	26.2	23.4
Ahmedabad	20	32.7	25.9	Kurnool	–	31.7	24.0
Aizawl	5	29.4	21.9	Lucknow	–	38.0	29.0
Allahabad	–	38.1	26.8	Madurai	–	39.6	24.6
Bengaluru	0.4	25.6	20.1	Mangaluru	21.7	28.2	23.1
Bhopal	63	31.5	23.0	Mumbai	26	30.7	25.2
Bhubaneswar	9.6	27.3	24.8	Mysuru	6	27.0	20.0
Chandigarh	–	38.5	28.1	New Delhi	–	36.5	28.3
Chennai	–	36.0	28.4	Patna	–	36.8	27.2
Coimbatore	1	30.0	22.4	Port Blair	77	27.3	23.6
Dehradun	–	36.3	24.5	Puducherry	–	37.0	26.6
Gangtok	2	25.0	18.0	Pune	9.8	27.1	20.8
Goa	38	26.0	24.0	Raipur	5	30.4	25.5
Guwahati	–	37.5	26.5	Ranchi	17	29.8	21.3
Hubballi	–	26.0	22.0	Shillong	6	26.3	19.3
Hyderabad	–	31.2	22.4	Shimla	24	28.7	21.4
Imphal	–	31.2	22.6	Srinagar	4	23.8	18.1
Jaipur	17	32.4	24.6	Thiruvananthapuram	21	30.3	23.7
Kochi	12	30.0	24.2	Tiruchi	–	36.7	27.0
Kohima	–	28.6	18.5	Vijayawada	–	35.6	27.0
Kolkata	3	32.9	26.8	Visakhapatnam	2	30.3	26.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO2	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	39	15	50	29	60	
Bengaluru	22	31	92	–	106	
Chennai	17	16	53	77	71	
Delhi	20	61	106	44	90	
Hyderabad	9	3	26	43	63	
Kolkata	12	12	14	23	39	
Lucknow	13	32	66	34	73	
Mumbai	118	7	–	32	24	
Pune	–	15	60	30	26	
Visakhapatnam	14	50	24	61	102	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Arrah, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 302 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 11.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Passport scam probe finds serious lapses

Police officers likely to be prosecuted

S. VIJAY KUMAR
CHENNAI

The 'Q' Branch-CID of the Tamil Nadu police has completed the investigation in the sensational passport scam in which Indian passports were allegedly issued to dozens of Sri Lankan nationals who had submitted fake documents in proof of identity and address.

Police sources said the final investigation report pointed to serious lapses on the part of many Central and State government officials, including a few police officers.

It details the nature of offence, the role of touts and the part played by officials, along with evidence.

Report cleared

The report has been cleared by the competent authority. The State government may soon accord sanction to prosecute the officials whose involvement was established, the sources said.

About 175 witnesses were examined in the 2019 case, in which as many as 38 persons were cited as accused.

In a surprise move, the Inspector-General of Police, Internal Security, sent a proposal straight to the Home Secretary, seeking sanction to prosecute the police officials, not keeping the Director-General of Police and ADGP/Chief of Intelligence S. Davidson Devasirvatham in the loop, the sources said.

It was only when the Home Department referred the file for his comments did Mr. Davidson Devasirvatham come to know that the final report with the proposal seeking sanction to prosecute some officials was sent to the State government.

A senior police official said there was no bar on the IGP, Internal Security, sending a report or proposal to the Home Secretary directly. "Considering the serious nature and gravity of an offence, the Chief of Internal Security can send a report to the government," the official said.

When the Home Department referred the report to the DGP and Mr. Davidson Devasirvatham for their remarks in February this year, the latter asked the 'Q' Branch investigators to clarify whether there was any criminality or conspiracy involving the Assistant Commissioner and the Inspector of Police or mere dereliction of duty warranting departmental action. He also called for the role played by each of the accused officials with evidence. There was little progress in the file thereafter, the sources said.

The scam made news early this week after BJP State president K. Annamalai demanded action against Mr. Davidson Devasirvatham.

He alleged that since he was then the Commissioner of Police, Madurai (when the fake passports were issued), the subordinate officers could not have committed the offence without his involvement. He said IGP, Internal Security, C. Eswaramurthy had added Mr. Davidson Devasirvatham as one of the officers to be investigated.

The case pertains to the issue of Indian passports to several Sri Lankan nationals who had allegedly submitted fake documents in proof of Indian nationality and address.

A handful of touts helped not only to source the fake documents but also to process the applications at the passport office.

While verification of the documents is usually done by passport officials, the police make a spot visit, photograph the applicant at his/her given address and check for criminal antecedents before clearing the police verification report online. The postman delivers the passport sent by Speed Post to the applicant at the given address by taking an acknowledgement.

Court tells probe team to find phone owner

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The special court probing the 2017 actor rape case said on Saturday that the probe agencies must find the owner of the Vivo phone having a Jio SIM card which is said to have been used to access the contents of the memory card that was being handled exclusively by the probe team led by Crime Branch personnel.

The phone can be traced based on the tower location and that it would be improper to place anyone under a shadow of doubt until there was clarity on the alleged change in hash value of the memory card. Stating that an investigating officer suggested she view the visuals, the presiding officer of the court said she refused to see them. The next hearing has been posted for Tuesday.

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2022-23 Dated: 07.07.2022
Invitation For Tender
Tender ref no: 11/2022-23

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division,Madhugiri,invites tenders from eligible Tenderers,for the works. Total 05 Works (Sira and Pavagada Taluk), Approx. amount for the work is Rs 200.00 Lakhs.Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before **28.07.2022** (up to 4.00 pm).Technical bids will be opened on **29.07.2022** after 4.15 PM, Financial bid will be opened on **02.08.2022** after 4.00 PM . Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Madhugiri

DIPR/TUM/311/MCA/2022-23

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Dr. Babu Jagajivan Ram Leather Industries Development Corporation Ltd, (LIDKAR) invites **Tender from Outsource Human Resource Agencies towards recruiting the staff for Lidkar Office and LLE Showroom** throughout the State. Bidders shall submit the Tender documents through e-procurement only.
Last date for Submission of documents through E-Portal: **22.07.2022 @ 14.00 hrs**. Date and time of Opening Technical bid is **25.07.2022 @16.00 hrs**. For necessary details visit the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/** help line No. 080-22288895/22288897.

Sd/-
General Manager (Incharge) & Tender Issuing Authority.

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No.PCB/143/SEO/MINES/EPH/2022-23/2665 Dated: 16.07.2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited has proposed to undertake Quarrying of Ordinary River Sand in Sovinahalli Sand Block (No. HPT-OSB-06) in Tungabhadra River Bed of capacity 79,881 TPA over an area 29-65 Acres at Sy.No. 01, Sovinahalli Village, Hoovinahadagali Taluk, Vijayanagara District, Karnataka. The project proponent has to obtain Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No. SEIAA 234 MIN 2021 dated: 15.11.2021 and request of the project proponent letter dated 30.03.2022,the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board.

The details of the project are as follows:

1.	**Name of the Company & Address: Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (A Govt or Karnataka Undertaking) TTMC, 'A' Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, K H Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore - 560027**
2.	**Location of Proposed Quarry: Sy. No. 01, Sovinahalli Village, Hoovinahadagai Taluk, Vijayanagara District., Karnataka.**
3.	**Details of proposed activity: Quarrying of Ordinary River Sand of capacity 79,881 TPA**
4.	**Pollution control measures:** Water sprinkling is done on road regularly, Avenue plantations, loaded vehicle will be covered with tarpaulin, regular road maintenance, green belt formation etc. Ground water recharging pit in consultation with land owner. Rain water harvesting work, rejuvenation of catchment area towards up stream of the sand block, gully plug and check dam. Garland drain to be formed to avoid rain water into working places. Regular maintenance of vehicle, green belt development, proper road gradient maintenance etc. Awareness will be imparted to the workers about the permissible noise levels and maximum exposure to those levels.
5.	**Date, time and venue of public hearing: 17.08.2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 AM at Sy. No. 01, Sovinahalli Village, Hoovinahadagali Taluk, Vijayanagara District, Karnataka.**
6.	**Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:** (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Vijayanagara District (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Vijayanagara (c) District Industries Centre, Ballari (d) Taluk Panchayath, Hoovinahadagali (e) Tahsildar Office Vijayanagara (f) Village Panchayath Office, Sovinahalli (g) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari (h) SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001 (i) **HELP DESK,** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Vijayanagara District, Vijayanagara). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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No:Mun04/CMANSP4/TMC-5/2022-23 Dated : 16-07-2022

E-Procurement Tender Notification

Inviting Item wise two cover tender is called for the mentioned indent No DMA/2022-23/OW/ WORK_INDENT 132961 for TMC Hanagal estimate cost value of Rs **601.41** Lakh and No DMA/2022-23/OW/ WORK_INDENT 133031 TMC Shiggaon estimate cost value of Rs **562.19** Lakh under 2022-23 Nagarothana Phase 4 works. As per Karnataka Transperency Procurement Port Act 2000, Modification Act 2021.

All the terms and conditions As per (KW-4) pertaining to this tender shall be viewed in the Website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for further clarifications please contact District Urbon Development Cell Haveri.

DIPR/HVR/MCA/160/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, DUDC, Haveri**

Karnataka State
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division, Shimoga
No.EE/PWD/Smg/JE-1/IFT-17/2022-23 Dtd:14-07-2022

Tender Notification

Tender invited thro' E-Procurement (http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in) for the below Indents by PWD Class-3 above Contractors. For needful information please contact Office P.No. 08182-274942 and Helpdesk Ph Nos. 080-25501216/ 080-25501227)

All Contractors can participate

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Sd/- EE, PW Dept Division, Shimoga

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NOTIFICATION

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Applications are invited from eligible professionals to support training and capacity building needs of various thematic areas in Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Mission. The candidates who have working experience in especially above listed themes or interested to work are encouraged to apply. The interested Candidate can apply in the Google form link provided below within 15 days of advertisement. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and invited for interview. Last date for receipt of applications is 31-07-2022.
Apply from: **https://ksrlps.karnataka.gov.in/new-page/SRP-Empanelment-2022/en**

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Cong. denies allegation against Ahmed Patel

Mr. Patel died on November 25, 2020 of COVID-related complications.

The police said that Ms. Setalvad, Mr. Sreekumar and another former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt were part "of the larger conspiracy" to destabilise and cause dismissal of the elected government by fabricating evidence to implicate top functionaries of the State with regard to the communal riots.

"The Prime Minister's political vendetta machine clearly does not even spare the departed who were his political adversaries. This SIT is dancing to the tune of its political master and will sit wherever it is told to," Mr. Ramesh said.

Mr. Ramesh further said that it was Mr. Modi's "unwillingness and incapacity" to control the carnage that had led the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to remind the Chief Minister of his *rajdharma*.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra alleged that Congress President Sonia Gandhi was the "driving force" behind the entire conspiracy and was working through Patel. Patel's daughter Mumtaz Patel also hit out at the BJP for maligning him. "I guess his name still holds weight to be used for political conspiracies to malign the Opposition."

Later, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera hit out at the Bharatiya Janata Party for churning out conspiracy theories against Prime Minister Modi whenever Gujarat elections are around the corner.

"During the last Gujarat election too they had made similar wild claims," Mr. Khera said.

(With input from PTI)

Jagdeep Dhankhar is NDA's V-P candidate

Mr. Dhankhar, when elected as Vice-President, will also be the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha or Upper House of Parliament where Opposition parties have had runins with the Chair in the past, with the winter session of Parliament seeing the suspension of 12 MPs belonging to the Opposition over what a government resolution termed "unruly and violent behaviour" during the previous monsoon session.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded the announcement, tweeting: "Kisan Putra Jagdeep Dhankharji is known for his humility. He brings with him an illustrious legal, legislative and gubernatorial career. He has always worked for the well being of farmers, youth, women and the marginalized. Glad that he will be our VP candidate."

Polls for the post of Vice President will be held on August 6 and the results announced on the same day. The new Vice President will be sworn in on August 10. The electoral college for the Vice Presidential polls consists of both elected and nominated members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Modi cautions against culture of freebies

Mr. Modi said the expressway would not only provide speed to vehicles but will also boost industrial development.

Responding to the *revri* culture jibe, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav in a tweet said, "If the ruling party people, who sought gratitude after delivering freebies, provided jobs to the youth, they could spare themselves from the charge of 'accusation' culture." Sharing a video of an incomplete portion of the expressway, Mr. Yadav questioned its design and the reason behind the rush to inaugurate an "incomplete expressway". He went on to ask whether the word *revri* was unparliamentary.

Mr. Yadav said that despite being close to Defence Corridor, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government had not been able to construct an airstrip on the expressway like the one on the Delhi-Lucknow Expressway. The latter was completed during the SP's rule.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that providing a free education and healthcare system doesn't amount to distributing freebies, "it is an effort to make India number one". Mr. Kejriwal on Saturday took on Mr. Modi following his comments equating State-sponsored free schemes to citizens as part of '*revri* culture' which, the PM said, was "very dangerous" for the country.

Mr. Modi, during his address following the inauguration of the 296 km-long Bundelkhand Expressway, questioned the practice of seeking votes on the basis of freebies which citizens, especially the youthful needed to guard against.

Some political leaders, Mr. Kejriwal alleged, were running a "hate-campaign" against him and accusing him of distributing freebies as '*revri*'.

Uttar Pradesh court denies bail to Zubair

On Saturday, the magistrate's court in Lakhimpur Kheri noted that the offences Mr. Zubair was accused of were non-bailable and that the circumstances of the case and the gravity of the offences did not entitle him to be released on bail at this stage of the investigation.

The court relied on the case diary of the local police to note that the fact-check posted by the journalist was widely retweeted with the intention to incite hatred among different communities and anger them.

This case was registered against Mr. Zubair at the Mohammadi police station over a fact-checking post in May 2021.

In this post, the journalist had revealed that *Sudarshan TV*, a Hindi television channel, had superimposed an image of a famous Medina mosque on an image of the Gaza Strip to incorrectly show it was being destroyed in purported Israeli air strikes.

During the hearing on Saturday, advocate Harjit Singh, appearing for Mr. Zubair, argued that the journalist had posted the said fact-check in good faith and had tagged the Twitter accounts of the U.P. Police, Noida police and the Director-General of the U.P. Police so that appropriate action could be taken against the said news channel for misreporting.

Mr. Singh argued, "Instead of taking action against Sudarshan News, the police registered a case against the accused [Zubair] for offences which are *prima facie* not made out."

COVID curbs off, but Census still on slow burner

Possible revamp of entire operations likely, but experts question the data gap and the 'missing decade' of population figures

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Nearly all COVID-related restrictions have been lifted across the world and India, but the Centre has no plans to restart the decennial Census operations. While a letter sent by the Registrar-General of India (RGI) to the States in June cited COVID-19 for the continuing delay, the reason could be a possible revamp of the entire design of the Census operations, according to an official.

The government sits on the drawing board to make the changes, even as the first phase of the decennial exercise which was to be completed in 2020, has been postponed indefinitely. The RGI letter added that "time period for conducting the ensuing Census is not decided yet".

In a glimpse of what could be in the offing, Home Minister Amit Shah on May 9 in Assam said, "A new piece of software, eSwaroop, is being developed. After a child is born, the details will be automatically updated in the Census register. After someone turns 18, the name will be added to the electoral register. After death, the name will be deleted from the voters list. If you change residence and there is a new registry, you will get an SMS whether you bought the property or were transferred there or if there is any other reason?? The details will be updated in the Census register automatically based on your answer."

The Hindu reported on October 27, 2021, that several amendments being proposed to the Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969 will enable the government to put in place a dynamic Census register, with near real-time updating of all demographic data.

The proposed amendment is to "maintain database of registered birth and deaths at the national level" and the database may be used to update the National Population Register, Electoral Register, Aadhaar, Ration Card, Passport and Driving Licence databases.

Officials said the delay in restarting the Census may be linked to plans to amend the 1969 law.

Since March 2020, MPs have raised the issue at least 36 times during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Former RGI M. Vijayanunni told *The Hindu* that the Census was not interrupted even at the height of the Second World War and suddenly one decade was missing from the table.

Big count: Officials conducting the enumeration at night, during the Census 2011, in Bangalore. • FILE PHOTO

"There is a data gap from 2011 to 2022. The government is working on population projection that is compiled by a committee. The committee gave projections in 2020, but it has its own limitation and the data is not accurate," said Mr. Vijayanunni, who headed the division from 1994 to 1999.

According to the 2020 Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections, the population of India is expected to increase from 121.2 crore in 2011 to 152.2 crore in 2036.

As per provisional data compiled by the RGI, the total number of districts has gone up from 640 in 2011 to 736 in June 2021.

He said the 2021 Census whenever it is held in future cannot be called the "Census of India, 2021" because the population count taken then will not be that of 2021 but that of the year in which it is held. He said the policies and decisions of the government in 2022 are still being based on 2011 data, the last time Census was done.

Despite the pandemic, the U.S., the U.K. and Bangladesh completed the Census exercise in 2021 and 2022. A Home Ministry spokesperson did not respond to the query on reasons for delay in conducting the Census exercise.

Former Union Home Secretary G.K. Pillai said he was approached by the Home Ministry a few months ago to seek his views on holding the Census. "The government should take a quick call and the delay is not good and has ramifications," Mr. Pillai said.

Explaining one of the implications, Mr. Pillai said the Finance Commission allocated funds based on the Census figures and any delay could put the States at a disadvantage.

A senior government official said that if the first phase of House listing and House Operation is not undertaken in the first quarter of 2023, the exercise cannot be completed by March 2024, which will be too close to the general election. The National Population Register (NPR) that already has a database of 119 crore residents is to be updated along with the first phase. Many States and social organisations have opposed the NPR calling it the first step toward compilation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC). India hosts the G-20 summit in 2023 and the government is treading cautiously to avoid any kind of street protests and violence when the world leaders are here.

A senior government official said that Census and NPR can be delinked. "It was decided to update the NPR along with first phase as enumerators would have done it simultaneously, saving resources and time. But there is no law that states that it is to be done together," said the official.

The RGI on June 15 informed the States that freezing of boundaries of districts, sub-districts, tehsils, talukas and police stations has been postponed till December 2022. Freezing of boundary limits of administrative units, at least three months prior, is a prerequisite for conducting the Census. Even if the RGI issues an order in December to freeze the boundaries again, the exercise can only take place in March 2023.

In March, the Union government amended the Census Rules framed in the year 1990 to allow the details to be captured and stored in an electronic form and also make a provision enabling self-enumeration by respondents.

'Hasty arrests, near-impossible bail show need for overhaul'

The space for Opposition is diminishing, says CJI Ramana

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana on Saturday said aimless and hasty arrests, locking up undertrial prisoners in jail for long spells and making it almost impossible for them to get bail are proof that the system is in dire need of an overhaul.

N.V. Ramana (second from right), Justice U.U. Lalit (left), Kiren Rijiju (right) and Ashok Gelhlot in Jaipur. • PTI

"In our criminal justice system, the process is the punishment. From hasty indiscriminate arrests, to difficulty in obtaining bail, the process leading to the prolonged incarceration of undertrials needs urgent attention," Chief Justice Ramana said in a scathing comment on the onslaught on human rights.

The CJI said it is a "grave issue" that 80% of the 6.10 lakh prisoners across the country are undertrials. The top judge said time has come to question the procedures which result in such prolonged incarceration without trial.

The Chief Justice was speaking at a legal services' meet organised at Jaipur in Rajasthan.

Chief Justice Ramana said the "space for Opposition is diminishing" in the country. The quality of legislative performance is in decline. Intended benefits of laws do not reach the people. He was speaking later at the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly on the 75 years of parliamentary democracy.

The CJI said there was a time when the Opposition played a stellar role in the legislature.

There was mutual respect between the government and the Opposition and laws were passed after deliberation and scrutiny.

"Instead of engaging in meaningful debates for furthering democracy, politics has become acrimonious. The diversity of opinion enriches polity and society. Political opposition should not translate into hostility, which we are sadly witnessing these days. These are not signs of a healthy democracy," the CJI said.

He said a vibrant and strong Opposition corrects the government. "After all, Project Democracy is a joint effort of all the stakeholders," the CJI said.

Earlier in the day, the CJI responded to Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju's comments about pendency. He said the answer lay in the government expediting the process of filling up judicial vacancies and forming independent authorities to develop judicial infrastructure.

Five FIRs against Zubair in U.P. are for Twitter posts

Another has been filed for a rioting case from June 10

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

Of the six cases the Uttar Pradesh Police are investigating against Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair, five are for his Twitter posts – where he either reported hate crime against Muslims, fact-checked false television reports and other fake information online, or called out television channels for hosting communal debates. The other FIR is of a rioting case from June 10, where neither Mr. Zubair nor his work on social media is mentioned.

Earlier this week, the Uttar Pradesh police formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe these six cases. Mr. Zubair has already secured interim bail in one of these cases from the Supreme Court and has moved another plea in the top court seeking to quash all the U.P. cases against him or club them together and transfer them to Delhi.

The most recent of these cases was registered at the Kotwali police station in Hathras on July 4, on the complaint of one Deepak Sharma of the Rashtriya Swabhiman Dal, a Hindu right-wing outfit based in Hathras. Mr. Sharma alleged that the journalist likened Vatican City to the shape of a *shivling* and Lord Krishna to Christ "to make fun of Hindu gods".

The tweet Mr. Sharma is referring to is from October 30, 2021, in which Mr. Zubair was making fun of a right-wing Twitter user for making the above-mentioned claims – now being incorrectly attributed to the fact-checker himself.

In addition, Mr. Sharma alleges that Mr. Zubair had "edited" the news channel debate video where Ms. Sharma made the remarks. This FIR has been registered under Sections 153A, 295A, 298 of the IPC and Section 67 of the IT Act.

The FIR that preceded this was registered at the Sikandra Rao police station of Hathras district on June 10 in reaction to one of the country-wide protests against Nupur Sharma's Prophet remarks. Nowhere in the FIR, registered by the police *suo motu*, does it mention Mr. Zubair's name, his work or his social media activity. The case has been registered under Sections 147, 149, 153A, 353, 188, 120B of the IPC and Section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

Two of the cases against Mr. Zubair – one at Muzaffarnagar's Charthawal police station and another at Lakhimpur Kheri's Mohammadi police station – are for the same post in 2021 that fact-checked Hindi television channel *Sudarshan TV*'s misreporting of Israel's air strikes in the Gaza strip.

In addition, there is an FIR at the Loni border police station in Ghaziabad (June 15, 2021), for reporting the abduction and assault of an elderly Muslim man, who alleged that his attackers forced him to chant "*Jai Siya Ram*" and cut his beard.

The police have alleged in the FIR that Mr. Zubair and other journalists "intentionally misreported" the incident "suggesting the existence of a criminal conspiracy".

The sixth case the U.P. police are investigating is for a tweet earlier this year, in which Mr. Zubair had referred to Hindu seers Bajrang Muni, Yati Narsinghanad as "hatemongers".

Shah exhorts banks to focus on farm sector

'Share of long-term finance halved'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that Agricultural and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs) should extend more long-term loans to the agriculture sector, including for irrigation projects and other infrastructure. Mr. Shah was speaking at the National Conference of ARDBs.

Amit Shah

He congratulated the rural banks in Kerala, Gujarat, Karnataka and West Bengal that have excelled in following all the regulatory parameters.

"Diverting surplus funds to non-agricultural use does not serve the purpose. The objectives of NABARD are fulfilled only when all available money is spent on rural development and agriculture. But this is not possible unless we promote long-term finance, infrastructure and micro-irrigation in agriculture," Mr. Shah said.

He said 25 years ago the share of long-term finance in the Agri sector was around 50% but now it has come down to 25%.

"In Assam, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, the entire infrastructure has collapsed. At present, only 13 States have agricultural and rural development banks running relatively in line with the expectations of the government," the Minister said.

He said the country ranked seventh in the world in agricultural land availability and in terms of agricultural activity, second only to America.

In no man's land, after a border crossing

Pakistani youngsters stranded in a reformatory home and await repatriation

ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

It was a cold November day last year when Asmad Ali (14) was playing with his pigeons, and a few birds decided to leave the flock. He ran to chase them but failed. Tired of running and hopeless after losing his birds, the boy turned back to go home but it was nowhere in sight. Before he could realise, he was stopped by some men in uniform and was asked to bow down. His pockets were checked and a long interrogation started. Asmad was trembling in fear when he was told that the land he was standing on was not his home. It was India.

The young boy, from Tatrinote village in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK) was caught crossing the border by the Indian Army. After some paperwork, Asmad was handed over to the J&K Police. An FIR was lodged against him under the Egress and Internal Movement Ordinance (E&IMCO) and a trial started in juvenile court.

Tight security: Concertina wires placed in a border village near Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. • NISSAR AHMAD

It has been eight months since he has been stuck in a juvenile home in Ranbir Singh Pura district, waiting for his repatriation to Pakistan.

The story is no different for 16-year-old Khayyam Maqsood, who too landed in India without knowing he had crossed the border in August 2021. His trial is also under way in the Juvenile Justice Board. Maqsood did not even get to speak to his family once.

Callous attitude

Mr. Rahul Kapoor, a social activist who is pressing for the release of Asmad Ali, said that Pakistani nationals crossing the Indian border was not a new story as it happened frequently every year. When *The Hindu* contacted the Ministry of External Affairs for details, it was redirected to the Ministry of Home Affairs, which did not respond to the queries.

Defence Expert Maroof Raza feels that it is not easy to cross the border at PoK and if this still happens, the Army ensures that the person is interrogated and investigated thoroughly. In many cases, the Army also sent the civilians who had inadvertently crossed the border.

"In case when they found that there was nothing suspicious with these children and they had actually crossed borders accidentally, the best approach is to just hand them back to their country. Solving issues with arbitration is always better for both sides. Finding ways for solutions without involving courts and wasting the time of the judiciary is always a better option," he says.

AAP offers backing to Yashwant Sinha

Decision taken at Political Affairs Committee meeting

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will support Yashwant Sinha, the Opposition's candidate for the Presidential election on Monday, the party announced on Saturday. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Political Affairs Committee of the party, its highest decision-making body, which was held under the leadership of AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal earlier in the day.

"The PAC has unanimously decided that the AAP will support Yashwant Sinha, the joint Opposition candidate, in the upcoming Presidential elections. We duly acknowledge and respect Smt. Droupadi Murmu's candidature as well. However, we have unanimously deemed it fit to support the joint candidate of the Opposition," Sanjay Singh, MP and panel member, said.

Joint sitting: Arvind Kejriwal chairing the party's political affairs committee in New Delhi. • PTI

Asked about the reason for the choice of Mr. Sinha, an AAP leader told *The Hindu*, "What other option do we have? We can't support the BJP candidate because if we do so, then it will be like supporting what the BJP is doing across the country."

There have been chinks in Opposition unity with Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray offering his party's support to Ms. Murmu.

Why BJP picked Dhankhar for Vice-President

He was described as *kisan putra* by the Prime Minister and 'people's Governor' by the BJP chief

NISTULA HEBBAR
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NEW DELHI

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar, who was declared the NDA's Vice-Presidential candidate on Saturday, has a career in public life that spans over three decades.

He had been a lawyer in the Rajasthan High Court and the Supreme Court, and was elected MP for Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan on Janata Dal ticket in 1989 and an MLA in Rajasthan in 1993.

He was the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs in the Chandra Shekhar government in 1990.

Worked out of the box

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described him as a *kisan putra* (son of a farmer), and BJP president J.P. Nadda said he was someone who worked out of the box to be the "people's Governor" in West Bengal.

In becoming the pick for the post of Vice-President, a role that also includes being the Rajya Sabha Chairperson, both these qualities seem to have worked in favour of Mr. Dhankhar, 71 — his humble background and gritty rise in public life and a pugnacious attitude within the fairly circumscribed role of a Governor.

Born in Rajasthan

He was born in a village in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan in 1951, into a family engaged in agriculture. He studied in a village school and later shifted to a Sainik School in Chittorgarh.

He got degrees in physics and law from the University of Rajasthan, and took up the legal career, gaining a

Jagdeep Dhankhar

name and making the next move to a political career through the socialist stream of Indian politics with the Janata Dal led by V.P. Singh.

His early political career was under the mentorship of former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal and he followed him when the latter walked out of the V.P. Singh government.

Mr. Dhankhar later shifted focus to State politics and became the MLA for Kishangarh in Alwar in Rajasthan in 1993.

After that stint, Mr. Dhankhar spent a period considering his political options, before making the move to the BJP around 2008 or so.

It was, however, his gubernatorial assignment in West Bengal, which began three years ago, that kept him consistently in the national headlines in recent times.

Mr. Dhankhar has had differences with the Trinamool Congress government on a host of issues, including the law and order situation, in the State.

After the Assembly election in 2021, Mr. Dhankhar visited areas affected by post-election violence in the State and blamed the State's ruling party for the violence.

Often his remarks were met with severe criticism by the Trinamool Congress leadership including Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Recently, the West Bengal Legislative Assembly passed a number of Bills replacing the Governor with the Chief Minister as Chancellor of the State-run Universities.

Striking a balance

As Rajya Sabha Chairperson, Mr. Dhankhar will have to strike a balance in the Upper House where the face-off between the Opposition and the Treasury benches is sharper owing to the less comfortable numbers of the NDA than in the Lok Sabha.

Known to be a skilled lawyer, Mr. Dhankhar may have to call on these qualities more and more to run the House smoothly, if elected on August 6.

Singh Deo 'resigns' as Panchayati Raj Minister

Political trouble in Chhattisgarh

SHUBHOMOY SIKDAR
RAIPUR

In a sign of trouble for the ruling Congress and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in Chhattisgarh, senior leader T.S. Singh Deo on Saturday quit as the State's Panchayati Raj Minister.

T.S. Singh Deo

Launching a scathing attack on his own government, Mr. Singh Deo alleged that it had failed to construct 8,00,000 houses meant for the rural poor under the Centre's flagship Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Mr. Singh Deo continues to hold his other portfolios, including the key Health Ministry, for now, but the latest development is seen as a critical step in the ongoing leadership tussle between him and Mr. Baghel.

The Sarguja royal family member, who has had several showdowns with the Chief Minister in the government's over three-year-old rule, documented serious disagreements with his own government in his resignation letter.

He alleged that the government had undermined his position as a Minister against the set protocol in an unfair manner and that the party had gone back on the promises in its election manifesto that propelled it to power in the 2018 Assembly elections.

"I am finding myself unable to fulfill all the goals of the department with full spirit," he said in the letter.

Opposition demands debate on Agnipath scheme

Trinamool skips the meeting, calls it a 'sham'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla chaired a meeting of floor leaders of the Lower House on Saturday ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament beginning on Monday. The Opposition has demanded a discussion on the Agnipath military recruitment scheme, unemployment and farmers' issues.

Several Opposition parties, including the Trinamool Congress, Biju Janata Dal, Shiv Sena, Telugu Desam Party, Akali Dal, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Communist Party of India, Revolutionary Socialist Party and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, skipped the meeting. The Trinamool said that such pre-session meetings were a sham because the agreements reached were not implemented in the House.

House meet: The Monsoon session of Parliament will begin on Monday. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"We have demanded that discussion be held on Agnipath, unemployment and issues related to farmers and sufficient time be given to the Opposition to raise these issues in the House," Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury told pressersons, after the meeting.

24 Bills listed

The Trinamool will skip the meeting chaired by Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu scheduled for Sunday evening but will attend the all-party meeting to be chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday morning.

The government has listed 24 Bills including the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill for introduction.

It seeks to strengthen the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code by introducing provisions on cross-border insolvency and certain other amendments for a time-bound resolution of stressed assets while maximising their value.

The Family Courts (Amendment) and Indian Antarctic Bills are listed to be taken up in the Lok Sabha on Monday, while the Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill is listed for consideration and passing on the same day in the Rajya Sabha.

The Trafficking of Persons (Protection, Care and Rehabilitation) Bill, which seeks to prevent and combat trafficking of persons, especially women and children, provide care to the victims while respecting their rights, and ensure prosecution of offenders, is also listed. This Bill has been in the works since 2018.

The Amit Shah-led Cooperatives Ministry is tabling the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill seeking to rationalise the government's role in cooperatives and increase participation in the working of the multi-State cooperative societies.

Two separate Bills for Constitutional amendments to revise the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Chhattisgarh and Tamil Nadu will be introduced.

Bill on media registration likely

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government may introduce the Registration of Press and Periodicals Bill, 2022, in Parliament during the coming Monsoon Session, in order to replace the old Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1867. The Bill proposes registration of digital media.

In 2019, the Centre had circulated a draft Registration of Press and Periodicals Bill. Defining "news on digital media" as the news in digitised format that could be be transmitted over the Internet, computer or mobile networks and included text, audio, video and graphics, it proposed registration of the digital media news publishers with the Registrar of Newspapers of India.

Apart from laying down a "simple system" of registration of e-papers, the draft Bill proposed removal of certain existing provisions related to the registration of books.

It also did away with the existing procedure of furnishing of declaration by publishers/printers before the District Magistrate and its subsequent authentication.

Cong. shifts five Goa MLAs to Chennai

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PANAJI

The Opposition Congress in Goa has shifted five of its 11 MLAs in the State to Chennai ahead of the July 18 Presidential election.

The five MLAs – Sankalp Amonkar, Yuri Alemao, Altone D'Costa, Rudolf Fernandes and Carlose Alvares Ferreira – were moved to Chennai on Friday evening soon after the proceedings of the Assembly session got over for the day.

"All these MLAs flew to Chennai directly after the session got over on Friday," a senior Congress leader said, adding that they would return to Goa to participate in the Presidential polls to be held on Monday.

However, six other MLAs of the Congress – former Chief Minister Digambar Kamat, Michael Lobo, Delilah Lobo, Kedar Naik, Aleixo Sequeira and Rajesh Faldesai – were not part of the group that went to Chennai, sources said. When contacted, Michael Lobo said he had no idea why the five other MLAs were taken to Chennai.

Last Sunday, the Congress had removed Michael Lobo from the post of Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, accusing him and Mr. Kamat of conspiring against the party and "hobnobbing with the BJP" to engineer a split in the the party's State legislative wing.

The five Congress MLAs were put up in a star hotel in Chennai and necessary protection has been arranged for them, sources said.

(With inputs from Chennai Bureau)

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For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager, Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli - 620001 invites online E-tenders from prospective tenderers / bidders for the following work.

1	Tender Number	TPJ - TRD - 2022 - 2023 - 02
2	Name of work	TPJ Division - TPGY-Provision of one additional line for 715m for pass through trains from / to ED direction - Electrical Traction Arrangements.
3	Approximate value of tender	₹ 38,55,751.84/-
4	Cost of e-tender form	Nil
5	Bid Security	₹ 77,200/-
6	Date & Time of Bidding	27.07.2022 to 15:00 Hours on 10.08.2022
7	Date & Time of Tender Opening	After 15:00 Hours on 10.08.2022
8	Period of completion	Six Months
9	Period of validity of offer	81 days from the date of tender opening

NOTE:
1. The prospective tenderers / bidders are requested to register themselves with IREPS (Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System), if not done already, for participating in E-Tenders, Registration form is available on IREPS site (Quick link New Vendors / Contractors (E-Tender).
2. Contractors / Bidders are requested to procure Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) Class III or appropriate from Govt. of India, authorized Certifying authority (CCA-Controller of Certifying Authority) for participating in E-Tender & to log into IREPS.
3. Payment of Bid Security in respect of e-tendering, should be done through net banking or payment gateway only (online payment) or in the form of BG as per GCC 2022 Tenders received without Bid Security shall be rejected.
4. Kindly log on to **http://www.ireps.gov.in** for complete details, terms and conditions of the above tender and details of bid submission and the online bids are required to be digitally signed. The tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded.
5. All addendum / Corrigendum, Time extension, clarifications, etc. will be uploaded on or before **27.07.2022,** in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regulary visit website to keep themselves updated.
6. Tenderers need not be present in the office for tender opening as they can watch the status of opened tenders, online through IREPS.

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1	Work Name	Engagement of Agency for Environmental Monitoring Works in Gobindpur & Sukhuapada Decorative Stone Mines of OMC
2	Availability of tender documents on the e-tendering portal of Government of Odisha	Date : 18.07.2022; Time : 5.00 PM
3	Bid Due Date	Date : 08.08.2022 ; Time : 5.00 PM
4	Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	Date : 08.08.2022 ; Time : 5.30 PM
5	Opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the Technically Qualified Bidders
6	Tender Paper Fee (non-refundable) including GST	Amount: INR 1180/- (Rupees One Thousand One Hundred Eighty only) including GST @18% Payable online on the e-tender portal of Government of Odisha (www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
7	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Amount: INR 11,100/- (Rupees Eleven Thousand One Hundred only) Payable online on the e-tender portal of Government of Odisha (www.tendersodisha.gov.in)

All other details can be seen from the Tender Document available on the website of OMC (www.omcltd.in). OMC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.
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Applications are invited ONLY THROUGH OFF-LINE MODE from Indian Citizens, in the prescribed format, from qualified and eligible candidates for filling of the post of Member (Non-Judicial, earmarked for Women candidate) in the **Tamil Nadu State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission:-**

Name of Post	No. of Vacancy	Salary
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For details like age, Minimum eligibility, term of office, fees, selection procedure etc., refer to detailed Notification available in "http://www.consumer.tn.gov.in https://www.scdrc.tn.gov.in and https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in"
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INTERVIEW | TANDI DORJI

'Bhutan-China talks won't focus on Doklam'

It's important that the interests of the three nations are not compromised: Bhutan Foreign Minister

SUHASINI HAIDAR

After over two years of the COVID-19-induced lockdown, Bhutan will open its doors to tourists on September 23 with a new expensive policy for Indians and other foreign tourists. Bhutan Foreign Minister **Tandi Dorji** *says the lessons of the pandemic include better ties with neighbours, including China.*

Bhutan has had the strictest lockdown in the world, including closed borders, 21-day quarantines. Why did it take so long to lift the lockdown?

■ Bhutan is a very small country, we have a little over 7,00,000 people. When the pandemic first began in March 2020, we were guided by His Majesty the King, whose command was that we should prevent even one death from occurring. We kept everything aside, including the economy, and we focused entirely on the health response and saving lives.

The country is now entirely vaccinated, and very soon, children below five years who are willing, will be vaccinated [too].

Now, as you open up Bhutan for tourism once again in September, you have new rules for how tourists have to pay. Indian tourists for the first time will be paying a special fee. What drove the new policy?

■ The last two years of COVID has taught us to rethink and reset what are the key things that Bhutan needs to do. So we decided that instead of going for mass tourism, which was our focus prior to the COVID, that we must rethink and focus very much on our long standing policy of "high value, low volume" tourism. We decided that we will remove the minimum daily package rate and increase the Sustainable Development Fee from $65 to $200. When it comes to Indians, we implemented the Tourism Levy Act in 2020, which mentioned that for the first time, we will include ₹1,200 per day for tourists from India.

After COVID, I think we now need to be much more sensitive about each other

We have seen during the COVID process, a new opening with Bhutan-China border talks as well. Are you hopeful that Bhutan and China can resolve their boundary issues?

■ Yes, we are very hopeful. I am very confident that we will definitely be able to resolve our border issues. It has been now nearly four decades that we have had discussions. We have now signed a three-step process and we are hopeful that that the government in China and the government in Bhutan will be able to find a suitable date for the next expert group meeting. After that, we will see how the border talks go.

Given the history, given the sensitivities, is this something that you in Thimphu and the government in Delhi have also discussed?

■ Not formally, but I think [the Indian government] is aware about the situation. After all, the main issue revolves around the trilateral junction in Doklam. So I think it is important that the Indian government also, on its part, is aware about what the situation is there. As far as the bilateral talks between China and Bhutan goes, I think this is entirely a matter between our two countries. As long as it doesn't touch the trilateral junction, that is. In many cases where there are three or more countries involved, they usually leave those decisions to a later date. So I think that there is a possibility for us to discuss all the other outstanding issues without discussing the main tri-junction area for now.

And that outcome wouldn't impact India in the tri-junction area?

■ No, not at all. I think it's important that when we make these decisions, that the interest of all the countries involved, including China, India and Bhutan, is kept, and the interests of the three countries are not compromised. After COVID, I think we now need to be much more sensitive about each other. We are all actually connected, and we need to be friends, especially among our neighbours.

(Full interview at https://bit.ly/BhutanFM)

14 years after split, Jamiat factions likely to merge

Two groups of oldest Muslim body set to bury the hatchet

ZIYA US SALAM
NEW DELHI

Fourteen years after the split in 2008, the two factions of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, the oldest Muslim body in the country, are ready to bury the hatchet. The merger of the factions, headed by Arshad Madani and his nephew Mahmood Madani respectively, is likely to be announced after ratification by the working committee of the Mahmood camp next week.

The Jamiat had split after Mr. Arshad Madani succeeded his brother Asad Madani as president of the organisation. Making his displeasure known over the new leadership, Mr. Mahmood Madani charted his own course, becoming the general secretary and then president of his faction of the Jamiat. With his media-savvy ways, he became the public face of the organisation for many.

Attempts at merger had been periodically made in the past but were nipped in the bud due to one faction's alleged proximity with the ruling dispensation. However, as Mr. Arshad Madani said recently, "Rising Islamophobia makes a merger desirable." His first step towards reconciliation came after the rival camp extended him an invitation to attend its general body meeting in Deoband on May 28. He accepted the invitation.

Arshad Madani and his nephew Mahmood Madani.

'Unity need of the hour'

Addressing around 2,000 invitees at the Deoband meet, Mr. Arshad Madani said, "The Jamiat has a 100-year-old history. At a time when Partition was happening, and a section of Muslims propounded the idea that Hindus and Muslims could not live together, we remained steadfast for a united India. Today, a similar theory is being propounded by a section of Hindus who are spreading division and hatred. And this communal stance is being fostered by the present government. At this juncture, the Jamiat needs to come together so our voice can be stronger."

His words stopped just short of an announcement of merger. The working committee of his faction ratified his decision on June 18. The Mahmood Madani camp is likely to deliberate over the issue next Friday.

Insiders believe the union is inevitable with just a couple of friction points still be to be addressed. The faction of the younger Madani is said to be agreeable to work under the senior Madani as Jamiat president.

Bid date for submarine project extended again

Navy seeks relaxation of specifications

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

The Defence Ministry has once again extended the deadline to submit responses to the Request For Proposal (RFP) in the over ₹40,000-crore deal for six advanced submarines under Project-75(I), to December-end. At the same time, the Navy has approached the Ministry for relaxation of certain specifications, which have made most submarine manufacturers non-compliant.

The Navy currently has 17 submarines in service.

The earlier RFP deadline of June 30, which was already an extension, has been extended by another six months, two defence sources independently confirmed. The deal that has been delayed is the first under the Strategic Partnership model of the procurement procedure to make progress.

In January 2020, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) had shortlisted Mazgaon Docks Limited (MDL) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) as the Indian partners for the P-75(I) deal. The five foreign original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) are Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering (South Korea), Naval Group (France), Navantia (Spain), Rosoboronexport (Russia) and TKMS (Germany).

The RFP was issued in July 2021 to MDL and L&T with 12 weeks to respond. The Indian companies are free to tie up with any of the five OEMs shortlisted earlier.

Multiple concerns

However, the project ran into rough weather, among other things, over one of the specifications mentioned, that the submarine on offer should have an operational air idependent propulsion (AIP) module. Only Germany and South Korea technically meet this criterion, official sources said.

In addition, most of the OEMs have expressed concerns over the timelines, extent of technology transfer and third party guarantees. Both France and Russia have backed out, it has been learnt. "It is not possible for us to take part in the project in the present form," representative of one of the OEMs told *The Hindu* on condition of anonymity.

The Navy currently has 16 conventional and one nuclear submarine in service.

Baghel govt. digs its toes in politics of cow urine

In what seems to be adoption of BJP's methods by Congress, Chhattisgarh administration orders its purchase at ₹4 a litre

SHUBHOMOY SIKDAR
RAIPUR

In what appears to be the adoption of cow politics by a Congress government, the Bhupesh Baghel-led administration in Chhattisgarh has approved the procurement of cow urine and extended its Godhan Nyay Yojana.

"We will launch the pilot of the scheme under the Godhan Nyay Yojana, a part of Narva Garva Ghurva Bari initiative, under which we have already been buying cow dung and converting it into compost," Pradeep Sharma, Planning and Policy Adviser to Mr. Baghel, said on Friday.

"Now we will also buy cattle urine at ₹4 a litre. The scheme has been approved by the Cabinet and will be launched in two places in each district on July 28, the auspicious day of Hareli [a farmer's festival]," he said.

Topic of debate: If stray cattle continue to roam around, where are the cow sheds promised under the State government scheme, asks Union Minister Giriraj Singh. • FILE PHOTO

Rural boost

The government claims that the Narva Garva Ghurva Bari scheme is an attempt to strengthen the rural economy and make it more self-sustainable. The name has been derived from four Chhattisgarhi words: *narva* means rivulet, *garva* is a term to denote animals, mainly cattle, *ghurva* refers to manure, and *bari* is a term for village gardens where people grow vegetables.

Under the Godhan Nyay Yojana, *gauthans* or cow sheds are built in each village to house domestic and stray cattle. The idea, the government says, is to relieve farmers from the problem of cattle grazing in the fields and at the same time, make value-added products such as vermi compost, super compost and super compost from dung. The cow urine, Mr. Sharma said, would be used to make pesticides.

Politically, cow-related schemes are seen as the Congress government's attempt to blunt the Bharatiya Janata Party's advantage when it comes to cow protection. Mr. Sharma claimed that some other States had adopted similar schemes following its success in the State.

BJP alleges corruption

Meanwhile, the Narva Garva Ghurva Bari scheme has come under attack from Union Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh, who is on a visit to the State. Addressing a gathering in the industrial district of Korba on Friday, the senior BJP leader alleged that rampant looting and corruption was going on in the scheme.

"Ninety per cent of the money that goes into the implementation of the scheme has been pumped in through my department. Mr. Baghel should be asked where are the 23,000 *gauthans* if stray cattle continue to roam around. Mr. Baghel said that he would give you *gauthans*, but are there any in this village? All he has are such tempting slogans for the common people while he himself takes a cut from coal mines to fill his own pocket and those of his political bosses in Delhi," Mr. Singh alleged.

Earlier, during a review meeting on the status of implementation of Central government programmes with district panchayat representatives in Korba, former State Home Minister and Rampur MLA Nankiram Kanwar reportedly raised the issue of panchayats spending the amount provided by the 15th Finance Commission on the *gauthans* in Mr. Singh's presence.

When a district panchayat member denied the allegation, the Minister is said to have rebuffed her and accused the panchayats of arbitrariness in diverting funds for the Godhan Nyay Yojana at the cost of other development works.

Responding to the allegations, State unit Congress spokesperson Dhananjay Singh said the Narva Garva Ghurva Bari scheme was a key element of the new Chhattisgarh model that had drawn praise from all quarters and Mr. Singh should have done some research before making a comment. "These allegations are baseless and fabricated. Mr. Singh, or all other Union Ministers know they have nothing to show for in the past eight years and their Gujarat model has failed completely," Mr. Dhananjay Singh said.

Be especially chary of green pit vipers

Antivenom available in India cannot counter poison of snake common in northeast

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

The green pit viper may not be more lethal than Russell's viper, the saw-scaled viper, the spectacled cobra or the common krait. But what it injects from its poison glands often renders the polyvalent antivenom derived from the venom of the other four ineffective.

The monocled cobra, the banded krait, the lesser black krait, the great black krait, the mountain pit viper and the redneck keelback are among 15 venomous snakes out of 64 recorded so far across Northeast India. Most of the snakebite cases in the region involve different species of the green pit viper, making up the other venomous snakes.

Hidden danger: Most of the snakebite cases in the northeast region involve different species of the green pit viper.

Internal bleeding

The hemotoxic venom a green pit viper injects prevents the blood in the body of a bitten person from clotting, leading to internal bleeding. "Hardly any of the cases have been fatal. But we cannot draw an inference as very little data on such snakebites are available," the Guwahati-based herpetologist Jayaditya Purkayastha said.

According to Surajit Giri, one of the doctors dealing with snakebite cases in the northeast, the antivenom derived from the "Big Four" snakes are ineffective on the toxin injected by the green pit viper, or for that matter, most other venomous snakes found in the region.

Diverse venoms

The doctors referred to a 2019 study titled "Beyond the Big Four" to underline the reason. The study said venoms across these species and subspecies are extremely diverse, citing the example of the monocled cobra from West Bengal whose venom contained mostly neurotoxins while the same species from Arunachal Pradesh had cytotoxins in its venom.

Neurotoxin is a poison that acts on the nervous system. Cytotoxins kill the cells in a body.

"The antivenom we have in India is a case of one size fits all. Apart from depending on four species of snakes, experts have pointed out that about 80% of all polyvalent antivenom are derived from snakes caught in one district of Tamil Nadu," Mr. Purkayastha said.

There have been cases of doctors administering more than 50 vials of antivenom for each cobra or krait bite in northern India because of low efficacy of the standard antidote, putting patients at risk of developing adverse reactions.

Herpetologists and clinicians in the northeast have thus called for developing a range of antivenoms that can do what the four-snake concoction cannot. They chose World Snake Day – celebrated every July 16 to raise awareness about snakes and their importance in our ecosystem – to make the appeal.

Data deficient

The true global burden of snakebites is not known due to the lack of standardised reporting or under-reporting, but available data say there are more than 1.4 million cases resulting in 1,25,000 fatalities annually.

More than 46,000 people – the highest on earth – die and thrice the number are disabled due to snakebites every year with 77% of the victims dying outside healthcare facilities, indicating that people go for alternative treatment.

Most snakebite cases in India are reported between June and September and 58% of the victims are farmers and labourers.

About 1,800 vials of antivenom are sold from Guwahati to various parts of the northeast every year. This, experts said, is negligible in a region where snakebite is common and points to limited use of antivenom due to its ineffectiveness.

Over 1 crore children send postcards to PM

Zero poverty, graft is the main theme

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

Children across the country have put eradication of poverty and corruption as some of the goals for India at 100, in their responses to the 'Postcards to PM' initiative of the Culture Ministry as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, according to sources.

The initiative was launched on December 1, 2021 and continued till December 31, with the goal of 75 lakh postcards from students to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The students from Class 4 to 12 were asked to write about their favourite freedom fighters and unsung heroes from their region and what they wanted India to be in 2047, when it completes 100 years of Independence.

Finale in August

According to sources, the postcards about the children's vision for 2047 have been digitised and analysed using artificial intelligence to find out what the predominant themes or goals of their writings were. The analysis would be presented as a book and a finale event is planned for the first week of August, where some selected postcards would be read, the sources said. Another source said the students would receive a response from the PM as well.

Students from over 64,000 schools participated in the campaign. • MYGOV.IN

A total of 1.07 crore postcards had been received in the campaign conducted with the Department of Post and Education Ministry, a source said. The students wrote about employment, environment, education, equality, healthcare, welfare, science and technology, women's empowerment, hygiene, sanitation, rights and defence, among others, the source said. Students from 64,201 schools had participated.

The Culture Ministry joint secretary in-charge of AKAM, Uma Nanduri, said the campaign was launched to "understand the mood of the nation's youth as they looked towards their future".

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Xi meets PLA border troops in Xinjiang

Sixteenth round of military talks between India and China set for today

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China's President Xi Jinping on Friday held a rare meeting with Chinese military commanders and troops involved in the ongoing stand-off with India in eastern Ladakh.

Mr. Xi met with the top brass of the Xinjiang military district in the regional capital Urumqi, on the last day of his four-day visit to the region, his first in eight years.

State media said Mr. Xi, who also heads the Central Military Commission (CMC), "fully affirmed the outstanding contributions made by troops stationed in Xinjiang to strengthen border defence and stabilise Xinjiang".

Troops in Xinjiang, which borders Ladakh, have been involved in the Line of Actual Control (LAC) stand-off which has gone on for more than two years since tensions began in April 2020.

On air: A giant screen showing news footage of Chinese President Xi Jinping visiting Xinjiang, at a shopping centre in Beijing on Friday. • REUTERS

The 16th round of talks between military commanders from India's 14 Corps and the PLA's South Xinjiang Military District are set for Sunday, taking place more than four months since the last round – the longest gap in the talks to take forward disengagement in the remaining friction areas in Hot Springs, Demchok and Depsang.

Mr. Xi's meeting with the Xinjiang military leaders, observers said, underlined his backing for the PLA's strategy on the India border, which has in the past months seen, on the one hand, moves to beef up infrastructure in forward areas to enable permanent stationing of troops closer to the LAC – including through the construction of a bridge across Pangong Tso – and on the other, delaying disengagement through the slow-moving talks and a refusal to agree to the restoration of the status quo.

Among the PLA soldiers who met Mr. Xi was the Galwan Valley regiment commander Qi Fabao, who was among five soldiers given military honours by the CMC in 2021 – four others were recognised posthumously following the clash in which China said it lost four soldiers.

Internal security

The main focus of the Xinjiang visit was, however, internal security of the region rather than the border.

Mr. Xi called for "enhanced efforts" to "uphold the principle that Islam in China must be Chinese in orientation".

"The normal religious needs of religious believers should be ensured and they should be united closely around the Party and the government," he said, calling for "educating and guiding people of all ethnic groups to strengthen their identification with the motherland, the Chinese nation, Chinese culture, the CPC and socialism with Chinese characteristics".

Did 'utmost' for bankrupt Sri Lanka, says Gotabaya

Former President blames COVID-19 for financial meltdown

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's ousted President did his "utmost" to avoid an economic catastrophe but the coronavirus pandemic derailed his efforts, he said in his resignation letter read out to Parliament on Saturday.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa's brief note, sent from the safety of a safe haven in Singapore, blamed COVID-19 for the financial meltdown that triggered months of protests, culminating in his humiliating escape abroad.

"I have contributed my utmost for the country and in the future too, I will contribute for the country," Mr. Rajapaksa said in the letter, read to MPs by Parliament's Secretary-General Dhammika Dasanayake.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa

It was not clear whether he was signalling an intention to remain involved in politics from exile.

"It is a matter of personal satisfaction for me that I was able to protect our people from the pandemic despite the economic crisis we were already facing," Mr. Rajapaksa insisted.

The virus claimed more than 16,500 lives and infected over 660,000 in the nation of 22 million, where Mr. Rajapaksa refused to institute a lockdown in the initial wave and told doctors: "Don't panic."

One of his Cabinet ministers said Sri Lanka did not require foreign vaccines and that local remedies from shamans were more than adequate.

Mr. Rajapaksa claimed Sri Lanka's reserves were already low when he took office in November 2019 and the subsequent pandemic devastated the economy.

But critics say the government's mismanagement was a crucial factor. Official figures show Sri Lanka had $7.5 billion in foreign exchange reserves when he took over, dropping to just $1 million by the time he quit.

Biden says U.S. will not walk away from West Asia

'Won't leave vacuum to be filled by China, Russia or Iran'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
JEDDAH

President Joe Biden, speaking at a summit of Arab leaders, said on Saturday that the United States "will not walk away" from West Asia as he tries to ensure stability in a volatile part of the world and boost the global flow of oil to reverse rising gas prices.

His remarks, delivered at the Gulf Cooperation Council on the final leg of a four-day West Asia tour, came amid concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions and support for militants in the region. "We will not walk away and leave a vacuum to be filled by China, Russia or Iran," Mr. Biden said. "We will seek to build on this moment with active, principled, American leadership."

Although U.S. forces continue to target terrorists in the region and remain deployed at bases throughout West Asia, Mr. Biden suggested he was turning a page after the U.S. invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Today, I'm proud to be able to say that the era of land wars in the region, wars that involved huge numbers of American forces, is not under way," he said.

He announced $1 billion in U.S. aid to alleviate hunger in the region and he pressed his counterparts, many of whom lead repressive governments, to ensure human rights, including women's rights, and allow their citizens to speak openly."The future will be won by the countries that unleash the full potential of their populations," Mr. Biden said, and that includes allowing people to "question and criticise leaders without fear of reprisal".

Russia steps up missile attacks across Ukraine

16 more civilians killed, say officials

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KRAMATORSK

Ukrainian authorities across the country reported new Russian missile strikes and shelling on Saturday that killed at least 16 more civilians, deaths that came after Russia's top military announced it was stepping up its onslaught against its neighbour.

A house destroyed in Russian shelling in Chuhuiv, Kharkiv region, on Saturday. • AP

The Russian Defence Ministry said on Saturday that Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu gave "instructions to further intensify the actions of units in all operational areas, in order to exclude the possibility of the Kyiv regime launching massive rocket and artillery strikes on civilian infrastructure and residents of settlements in Donbas and other regions".

The new Russian attacks hit areas in the north, the east and the south of Ukraine.

Gunmen kill 10 traders in restive Papua

ASSOCIATED PRESS
JAYAPURA

Gunmen believed to be separatist rebels killed 10 traders and wounded two others in an attack on Saturday in Indonesia's restive Papua province.

The attackers were believed to be members of the West Papua Liberation Army, the military wing of the Free Papua Organisation, the police said.

About 20 gunmen stormed the village of Nogolait in Nduga district while a grocer was preparing to open his wares. They shot him and seven other traders, along with four passersby.

Israel hits Gaza 'military site' after rocket fire

Attack came hours after Biden's visit

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JERUSALEM

Israeli warplanes struck a weapons manufacturing facility in the Gaza Strip early on Saturday, the military said, after rocket fire against Israeli territory. The exchange of fire came hours after U.S. President Joe Biden visited Israel and the occupied West Bank.

"A short while ago, IDF fighter jets struck a military site in the central Gaza Strip belonging to the Hamas terrorist organisation," a statement from the Israel Defence Forces said.

"The military site consists of an underground complex containing raw materials used for the manufacturing of rockets," it said, describing the facility as "one of the most significant" of its kind in the territory.

"The strike on this site will significantly impede and undermine Hamas' force-building capabilities," it said, adding that Israel was responding to "attacks from the Gaza Strip".

During the night there had been two separate launches, each of two rockets, towards Israeli territory, the military said, adding one of the rockets had been intercepted while the other three fell on empty land.

Biden's U-turn on Saudi Arabia

The administration's apparent efforts to punish and isolate MBS are over

STANLY JOHNY

"We were going to, in fact, make them [Saudi Arabia] pay the price, and make them, in fact, the par*** that they are," Joe Biden said in November 2019 during a Presidential campaign event. "They have to be held accountable," he added. After assuming the Presidency in January 2021, Mr. Biden released a U.S. intelligence assessment that concluded that Mohammed bin Salman, the Crown Prince and de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia, ordered the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, the Saudi dissident and *Washington Post* columnist. Khashoggi was killed and dismembered in October 2018 inside the Kingdom's consulate in Istanbul. President Biden refused to talk directly to MBS, as Prince Mohammed is widely called. The administration also announced that it was ending America's support for Saudi Arabia's war on Yemen. Speculation was rife that the U.S.-Saudi strategic alliance that goes back to the 1945 meeting between President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Saudi King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud was in peril.

Not really.

One and a half years later, President Biden travelled to Saudi Arabia to reset ties with the Kingdom. In Jeddah, the port city on the Red Sea coast, Mr. Biden fist-bumped MBS, and held talks with him and other senior officials of the Kingdom. A week before the meeting, State Secretary Antony Blinken had called Saudi Arabia a "critical partner" in dealing with extremism in West Asia and challenges posed by Iran. Clearly, the Biden administration's apparent efforts to punish and isolate MBS were over. What is behind this U-turn?

Changing stance: Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, right, with President Joe Biden in Jeddah on Friday. • REUTERS

NEWS ANALYSIS

Abraham Accords

Three major geopolitical developments that were not in the White House's direct control seemed to have pushed Mr. Biden to adopt a more traditional approach towards America's allies in the region, even at the expense of contradicting the promises candidate Biden had made. First, the Abraham Accords – the set of agreements that saw Israel and four Arab countries (the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan) normalise ties under the aegis of the Trump administration – brought in structural changes in the geopolitical alignment of West Asia.

Israel and Arab countries had backroom contacts for decades. But with the Abraham Accords, these two sides, the two pillars of America's West Asia policy, have taken formal steps to build a new political, economic and security partnership, seeking to counter Iran. The Biden administration, after the initial confusion on whether it should go back to the Obama-era realism or the Trump-model partnership with allies, appears to have concluded that it should take the latter path. So if the U.S. is seeking to further strengthen the growing Arab-Israel partnership, the logical next step is to get Saudi Arabia on board.

Iran factor

Second, reviving the Iran nuclear deal proved to be difficult. Barack Obama had taken a narrowly focused view of America's objectives in West Asia. He advocated a "Cold Peace" between Shia Iran and Sunni Arabs, overlooked Israel's protests and went ahead with the nuclear deal which cut off Iran's path towards bomb. But Mr. Trump, unanimously pulled the U.S. out of the nuclear deal and promoted stronger ties between Israel and Sunni Arabs.

Mr. Biden took a mixed approach of trying to revive the nuclear deal, while at the same time further strengthening the Israel-Arab partnership. But the Iran deal remained elusive.

During the Obama era, Iran had a moderate President who was ready to cut a deal. Now, all branches of the Iranian state are controlled by hardliners. Iran has also entered into a 25-year economic cooperation agreement with China, and it is soon expected to join the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. Mr. Biden finds an emboldened Iran in talks, which refused to make any more concession than the 2015 deal sought for. On the other side, Iran wants the U.S. to remove the terrorist designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), a Trump decision.

Mr. Biden, who is facing collective strong opposition from Israel and Sunni Arabs against making any more concession to Iran, refused to remove the terrorist tag, which brought the nuclear talks to a halt, for now. Faced with uncertainty on the Iran deal, the Biden administration seems to have decided to double down on the other aspect of its West Asia policy – strengthen the Israel-Sunni Arab bloc. For this, Saudi Arabia's support is essential. The U.S. has negotiated a deal between Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel that would see Egypt transferring the sovereignty of two Red Sea islands – Tiran and Sanafir – to Saudi Arabia.

Ukraine war

Third, the Ukraine war. Russia's February 24 invasion of Ukraine and the West's push to punish President Vladimir Putin for the aggression has disrupted the global energy markets, turning the cost of living crisis in western countries worse.

The U.S. has banned Russian oil. The EU is phasing out 90% of Russian oil imports and is planning to impose an insurance ban on tankers carrying Russian fuel. Crude prices in the international market are already hovering around $100 a barrel. Once the insurance ban kicks in, prices could jump further. It would make the inflation crisis in the West – in the U.S. it has hit a 41-year high at 9.1% – worse.

Mr. Biden, whose Democratic Party faces grim prospects in November midterm elections, wants Saudi Arabia to pump in more oil into the market to steady prices. Saudi Arabia is one of the few countries that have excess capacity to ramp up production. The others are Venezuela and Iran, both under American sanctions. So, to punish Russia, one of the largest oil and gas producers in the world, while keeping the impact of those measures on western economies at minimum, the U.S. needs Mohammed bin Salman's Saudi Arabia.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender invited through e-procurement portal from agencies for the work of **Supply & Erection of Pumps for Air Washer System at Unit - 3 & 4 of RTPS**, from reputed firms/ organization/ contractors. Date of receipt of tenders: **25.07.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** All relevant details are available in the e-portal website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (LT)-1 RTPS**, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur Dist. Karnataka. Mobile: 94495 96537. E-mail: eel1rtpskpcl @karnataka.gov.in ; eel1rtpskpcl@gmail.com

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No.HS(EAST)TENDER/PR/07/2022-23 Date: 16-07-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (KW-1)
(Short Term) (Single Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (East Zone), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/Firms registered in Labour Department for Providing Water Tanker Services.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work & Category	Estimate Cost (in ₹.)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Providing Water Tanker Services to Shanthinagar Assembly Constituency Parks, Circle & Road Medians, **(ST).**	14,86,000/-	18,575.00
2.	Providing Water Tanker Services to Shivajinagar Assembly Constituency Parks, Circle & Road Medians, **(Others).**	14,86,000/-	37,150.00
3.	Providing Water Tanker Services to C.V. Raman Nagar Assembly Constituency Parks, Circle & Road Medians, **(SC).**	14,86,000/-	18,575.00
4.	Providing Water Tanker Services to Hebbal Assembly Constituency Parks, Circle & Road Medians, **(Others).**	14,86,000/-	37,150.00
5.	Providing Water Tanker Services to Sarvagnanagara Assembly Constituency Parks, Circle & Road Medians, **(SC).**	7,43,000/-	9,300.00
6.	Providing Water Tanker Services to Pulakeshinagara Assembly Constituency Parks, Circle & Road Medians, **(Others).**	7,43,000/-	18,575.00

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of Notification: **16-07-2022. (2)** Tender can be downloaded from: **21-07-2022. (3)** Tender Closing Date : **28-07-2022 at 4:00 p.m. (4)** Financial bid opening date : **30-07-2022 at 5:00 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, (East Zone), BBMP.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Electronic Procurement portal only)

Item-rate Tender for the following work is invited through e-Procurement from eligible Agency/ Contractors as detailed below:

Sl.No.1. **Name and description of work:** INDENT NO: KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT3164/CALL-2 **Operation, Supervision, Monitoring & Maintenance works in Balamuri Pumphouse, Aloka Pumphouse, Feeder Mains & WTP and allied job works under O&M of Water Supply Scheme to Ilwala & 52 adjoining villages of Mysuru District under DC works of RDPR for the year 2022-23. Approx. value of work (Rs in Lakhs):** 76.57 **EMD (Rs.):** 1,53,000 **Tender Processing fee: Completion periodincluding monsoon:** As per stipulation in the e-procurement portal 12 (Twelve) Months. **Calendar of Events: 1)** Date & Time for commencement of downloading of tender documents from the e-procurement portal **14.07.2022,** 11.00 hours onwards 2) Last date & Time for submission/uploading of tender in the e-procurement portal: **22.07.2022** upto 17.30 hours. **3)** Date & Time of Opening of the Technical Tenders **25.07.2022** after 11.00 hours. **4)** Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Tenders: **27.07.2022** 11.00 hours onwards. For further details contact this office during office hours.

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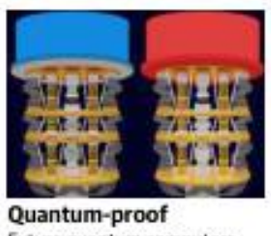
SNAPSHOTS

Learning physics
Researchers at DeepMind have created an AI that knows about as much physics as a three-month-old baby. The team trained the system on simple videos until it could predict patterns such as solidity (two objects do not pass through one another) and continuity (objects do not blink in and out of existence).

Helping hands
Gophers graze on roots that grow into their large network of tunnels. Scientists installed cameras in trenches that they dug around tunnels used by pocket gophers. The roots of grasses quickly filled the tunnels. The animals nibbled on the roots to nourish themselves and stimulate root regrowth.



Quantum-proof
Future quantum computers might be able to break the cryptographic keys that protect everything. Now, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States, has officially endorsed cryptographic technologies that are thought to be resistant to attack from quantum computers, which include CRYSTALS-Kyber.

Deadly quake
Researchers are struggling to investigate a deadly earthquake and its aftershocks in a remote area of Afghanistan. The magnitude-5.9 earthquake struck close to the Pakistan border on June 22. The region, that was hit with the earthquake, has few seismic-monitoring stations, and security concerns have stopped scientists from visiting the area.

COVID-19: More retractions in journals than preprints

Retraction Watch database was used to identify retracted preprints and journal papers

R. PRASAD

Emergency use authorisation, pharmaceutical companies announcing the results of clinical trials first through press releases, free access to all COVID-19 scientific papers published in journals and a sharp increase in the number of preprints posted became more common during the pandemic. Except free access to all COVID-19 papers in journals, which otherwise would have been behind paywalls, all the others came under severe criticism at some point.

As per a comment in *The Lancet*, an average of 39.5 COVID-19 preprints were posted each day during the pandemic compared with just 10.5 per day during the Ebola virus epidemic of 2014. Also, the first preprint was posted just 22 days after health authority notification of the initial cluster of cases in Wuhan, China. In contrast, no preprints were posted for about six months after first cluster notifications in the case of Ebola virus and Zika virus.

Early in the pandemic, bioRxiv added a banner on its home paper and on top of every preprint dealing with COVID-19. The banner read, "bioRxiv posts many COVID-related papers. A reminder: they have not been formally peer-reviewed and should not guide health-related behaviour or be reported in the press as conclusive". The decision to publish the disclaimer was prompted by a highly questionable study by Indian researchers posted on bioRxiv preprint server, which was soon withdrawn.

Scientists submit their early drafts to the preprint server, where an in-house team weeds out "obvious spam and clear garbage," as well as submissions that are not scientific in nature, Richard Sever, co-founder of bioRxiv preprint server, was quoted as saying following the Indian researchers' study.

'Readers cautioned'

Because preprints are yet to be peer-reviewed, most newspapers while detailing the results posted in preprint servers did caution their readers that the study in question is yet to be peer-reviewed. The notion is that since preprints are yet to be peer-reviewed by domain experts prior to posting, readers should exercise caution and not take the study results on face value. In contrast, results and findings of all papers published in journal papers after the scientific vetting process are deemed to be reliable and correct.

A small study of retracted preprints and journal papers on and about COVID-19 has turned these notions on its head. A team led by Dr. Jitendra Kumar Meena from AIIMS, Delhi found that there were more papers published in journals post peer-review that were retracted than preprints – 143 retracted peer-reviewed journal papers compared with just 40 retracted preprints.

The results of this study were posted as a preprint in medRxiv server; preprints are yet to be peer-reviewed. The researchers looked at the following preprint servers that published COVID-19 studies – medrRxiv, bioRxiv, arXiv, Social Science Research Network (SSRN), OSF Preprints, and Research Square.

How reliable are preprints and published papers?

Preprints are yet to be peer-reviewed by domain experts prior to posting and so readers should not take the results on face value

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2. A small study found that 143 peer-reviewed journal papers on COVID-19 were retracted compared with 40 preprints
3. The retracted COVID-19 preprints and journal papers were published between January 1, 2020 and March 10, 2022
4. The Retraction Watch database was used to identify the retracted papers and preprints
5. The most common reason for retraction of preprints was concerns about data and results
6. In the case of journal papers, the reasons for retraction were fake peer review and duplication of articles
7. The median retraction time for preprint was 29 days, while it was 139 days for peer-reviewed articles
8. Increased adoption of preprints results in faster identification of erroneous articles compared to the traditional peer-review process, the authors conclude

Premise: All papers published in journals after peer-reviewing are considered reliable

Reasons for retraction

The retracted COVID-19 preprints and journal papers published between January 1, 2020 and March 10, 2022 were identified based on alerts posted by the Retraction Watch database. According to the authors, concern about data and results was the most common reason for retraction of preprints, while fake peer review and duplication of articles were the reasons for retraction of peer-reviewed articles. As per the authors, six journals accounted for nearly 35% of all the retractions among peer-reviewed articles. In the case of preprints, most of the retracted studies were posted on medRxiv (23 studies, 57.5%) followed by the SSRN (eight articles, 20%) and bioRxiv (seven preprints, 17.5%).

That peer-reviewing process has broken down is best exemplified by innumerable manipulated images that accompany many papers. The PubPeer website, a post-publication peer-reviewing by independent scientists, provides daily proof of how broken the journal peer-reviewing process is.

While both preprints and journal papers were freely accessible from the day the results were posted/published, it took far fewer days for a preprint to be retracted compared with journal papers. As per the study, the median retraction time for preprint was 29 days, while it was 139 days for peer-reviewed articles. Faster retraction by preprint servers meant that readers became aware that the results of a particular preprint were not to be trusted and hence, saved time. Unlike the traditional journal papers, any reader is free to critique the study immediately after the manuscript is posted on the preprint server. The comment section, following the manuscript, thus served to warn other scientists, and particularly journalists, about the problems with the study. The authors thus conclude,"The increased adoption of pre-prints results in faster identification of erroneous articles compared to the traditional peer-review process."

Faulty studies exposed

Preprints, particularly during the pandemic, facilitated rapid dissemination of results. But by virtue of not being peer-reviewed, they had potential of disseminating faulty research findings to a large audience. But the quick, open and transparent peer-reviewing by hundreds, if not thousands, of scientists from across the globe meant that faulty preprints studies were exposed within a very short time. For instance, a virology "study" posted on bioRxiv preprint server by IIT Delhi and University of Delhi researchers erroneously claimed that SARS-CoV-2 virus contained HIV "insertions". The "study" was widely criticised on the preprint server, Twitter, Facebook and blogs. The bioRxiv preprint server alone carried 135 comments by scientists critiquing the study. The preprint was quickly withdrawn.

In early March 2020, *The New England Journal of Medicine* published a correspondence that claimed that a Chinese lady had spread the virus to her German hosts during the incubation period even while not exhibiting any symptoms. While asymptomatic people can spread the virus became clear later during the pandemic, the authors had wrongly concluded the asymptomatic spread of the virus without verifying if the Chinese lady had symptoms during her visit to Germany. The journal provided a supplementary appendix with details of symptoms and timeline that clearly showed that she had symptoms while in Germany and thus it was not a case of asymptomatic spread of the virus to her German hosts.

Also, a paper published in a journal by a Chinese team based on codons favoured by SARS-CoV-2 virus and other potential intermediate hosts found that two snakes – *Bungarus multicinctus* (the many-banded krait) and *Naja atra* (the Chinese cobra) – sold at the Wuhan seafood and animal market were likely to be wildlife animal reservoirs for SARS-CoV-2 virus. The paper was published on January 22, 2020 in the *Journal of Medical Virology*. However, it was a non-peer-reviewed, early access article published in the journal.

'Wider, faster reach'

"The present study shows that there is another benefit to encouraging people to put up their work on preprint servers in the form of earlier recognition of errors and open review leading to prompt retractions. As we go forward, the scientific community should promote preprints as they provide wider and faster reach, more attention, and rapid peer feedback," the authors conclude.

Wastewater surveillance for COVID-19 reveals dynamics of infection

The method can reveal trends in viral loads, infections due to new viruses, AMR genes and act as advance warning system

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN

In ensuring sufficient precautions and preventive measures be taken in pandemic-driven situations, a very important estimate is of the number of people infected, regions where infection is high and decreasing or increasing trends in viral load. Based on this, civic bodies can decide on targeted vaccination drives, lockdowns and the like. One way to estimate this is by getting people to take COVID test.

However, people do not always comply with testing protocols. In the case of SARS-CoV-2, the high number of asymptomatic and mild infections, also lead to low testing. Finally, if there are one lakh people in a locality, testing one lakh persons every day to monitor the rise and fall of infections is expensive and impractical.

Gauging the parameters

Waste-water based surveillance for COVID-19 comes as an efficient and foolproof way of gauging these parameters. Such a study has been carried out in Hyderabad and Bengaluru by a collaboration between Tata Institute for Genetics and Society (TIGS), Bengaluru, and Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad.

The study in Hyderabad was carried out for a period of about a year, from July 2020 to August 2021 and obtained data on a population size of about 2.5 lakh. The aim of this study was to develop a protocol and standard operating procedures for doing this, which the researchers hope to hand over to the industry, who can then act as service providers, according to Rakesh Mishra, Director of TIGS, who designed and led the study.

Challenges: Testing a large number of people every day is expensive. •PTI

In one year of testing and observations, the researchers were able to spot the temporal dynamics in the viral load in drainage water, which was consistently high from July to November 2020. A slight increase in February 2021 hinted at the second wave which set on in March 2021. This has been published in *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

The group has also studied wastewater samples in Bengaluru, and the learnings from the two cities were very different. While in Bengaluru, they sampled the water from 28 sewage treatment plants (STPs) dotted across the city, the Hyderabad samples were mainly from open drains. The two require very different methods, because in an STP, the water is collected throughout the day, treated and let out again. So it has to be sampled before treatment. Dr. Mishra recalls the commitment and support from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) in the duration of the study.

For the open drainage system, the viral load would be different at different times of the day. After observation, the researchers found that since most of the virus comes from faecal samples, rush hours in the morning – around 8.00 a.m. – are likely to give the best samples. "I can say that we have worked very hard to figure out how to do that, because the viral load is different during different times of the day," says Dr. Mishra. "If you collect samples too much upstream of the drainage, then only few houses are covered."

The advantages

The method has multiple advantages. Trends of increasing or decreasing viral load can be gauged well before the waves take off. "Unlike RT-PCR on a single person's sample [where the test result can come quickly], it takes us a couple of weeks to do the sequence analysis of the sample... Here you are sequencing thousands of individuals' virus contribution," says Dr. Mishra. New variants can be spotted in advance, as can different viruses, such as those that cause dengue, Zika, or TB. This would help the health department to be prepared to deal with epidemics. Studies can monitor antimicrobial resistance genes and point out to civic authorities as to which antibiotics are failing.

"For TIGS, it is a major activity – to do environmental surveillance and ecology of infectious disease – and then understand how patterns are evolving," says Dr. Mishra.

The intellectual troika that helped understand heredity

Continuous variation can be inferred from Mendelian heredity but heredity cannot be inferred from continuous variation

PARTHA P. MAJUMDER

We are celebrating the 200th birth anniversary of Gregor Johann Mendel and Sir Francis Galton this year. Mendel was born on July 20, 1822; Galton on February 16. Both men sought to understand heredity, transmission of characteristics from parents to children. Galton was Charles Darwin's half-cousin; they shared a common grandparent, Erasmus Darwin.

Galton was a polymath; an explorer, a geographer, a meteorologist, a psychologist and a statistician. And so was Charles Darwin; a naturalist, a geologist, a tireless walker, a brave adventurer and the originator of the theory of evolution by natural selection. Darwin published *The Origin of Species* in 1859, which as Galton has said "gave me freedom of thought".

Influence of Darwin

In his book, Darwin had used fancy pigeons to illustrate how natural selection might work. This sparked Galton's interest in whether humans can be improved through selective breeding. Galton's bright mind reasoned that if the human stock were to be improved through selection, he would first have to show that desirable human characteristics were inherited. Galton set out to identify men of accomplishment and determine whether any of their male relatives were also similarly accomplished. He generated evidence in support and concluded that talent and character were probably inherited. He published his findings in 1865 in an article titled 'Hereditary Talent and Character' in *Macmillan's Magazine*, a popular Victorian periodical.

Galton then collected and analysed family-trees of well-known statesmen, judges, poets, painters, musicians, military commanders, etc. His basic tenet was that if talent and character were inherited, the closest male relatives of a distinguished man (say, a son or father) would be more likely to be talented than those farther removed (e.g., an uncle or a nephew). He generated affirmative evidence using mental and intellectual qualities as well as physical ones such as height and eye colour.

He published his findings in the book, *Hereditary Genius* in 1869. The word 'genius' was used to denote high level of talent or ability. Galton propounded the 'Law of Ancestral Heredity.' He suggested that hereditary qualities were embedded in the reproductive organs and the germ plasm, which were passed on from one generation to the next.

Inherited: Mendel propounded that information on traits gets passed on from one generation to another. •GETTY IMAGES

It is noteworthy that when Galton was actively working on inheritance of characters in humans, Mendel was also studying the same problem in gardens of St. Thomas Monastery in Brünn (now Brno) using pea plants. Mendel presented his results to the Society for the Study of the Natural Sciences in Brünn in the same year (1865) that Galton published his findings in *Macmillan's Magazine*. Mendel propounded that information on "traits" gets passed on from one generation to another as particulate 'elements' and traits in the present generation can be traced back to past generations.

Mendel died in 1884 and his laws lay buried until they were rediscovered in 1900. Galton and his supporters – notably Karl Pearson and W.F.R. Weldon – criticised Mendel because his 'laws' ignored ancestors; the genetic compositions of only the parents but not of other ancestors, matter in the determination of the characteristics of a person. Galtonian 'law' stated that other ancestors also matter. Pearson claimed that observed correlations of characteristics between various types of relatives were higher than those expected under Mendel's laws.

Mendelian inheritance

Indeed, it is difficult to conceive that continuous characteristic such as height can be controlled by transmissible particulate elements. It was the genius of Ronald A. Fisher – the father of modern statistical science – that created a synthesis showing, in 1918, that inheritance of continuous variation can be explained by Mendelian particulate inheritance.

Fisher's role in resurrecting Mendelism is legendary. But Fisher also drew attention to some aspects of Mendel's data. In 1911, Fisher, in a talk in Cambridge, noted, "It is interesting that Mendel's original results all fall within the limits of probable error; if his experiments were repeated, the odds against getting such good results is about 16 to one."

Fisher later carried out more extensive statistical analysis of Mendel's published data and wrote in 1936 that "the data have evidently been sophisticated systematically".

My own belief is that Mendel was able to deduce his laws from data of an initial set of experiments. In the later experiments, such observations that were wide of the mark from expectations may have been discarded. The goodness-of-fit of observations to expectations is therefore exceptional. Fisher also said that "... after examining various possibilities, I have no doubt that Mendel was deceived by a gardening assistant, who knew too well what his principal expected from each trial made".

We will never know how the data may have been doctored ('sophisticated' in Fisher's terminology) because after Mendel's death, the boxes of data-notebooks and other apparently worthless papers were destroyed by his successor abbot.

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Question Corner

Martian meteorite

How does studying a Martian meteorite help understand Earth's origins?

More than 4.5 billion years ago, it's possible that Mars, the Red Planet, had a crust comparable to Iceland today. This discovery, hidden in the oldest martian fragments found on Earth, could provide information about our planet that was lost over billions of years of geological movement and could help explain why the Earth developed into a planet that sustains a broad diversity of life and Mars did not.

A 4.48-billion-year-old meteorite, informally named Black Beauty, recorded the first stage of the evolution of Mars and, by extension, of all terrestrial planets, including the Earth. "As the Earth lost its old surface mainly due to plate tectonics, observing such settings in extremely ancient terrains on Mars is a rare window into the ancient Earth surface that we lost a long time ago," says Valerie Payré, a Northern Arizona University researcher in a release.

The meteorite, the chemistry of which indicates that Mars had volcanic activity similar to that found on Earth, recorded the first stage of Mars' evolution (*Nature Communications*). Although it was ejected from the surface of Mars 5-10 million years ago after an asteroid impact, its source region has remained a mystery.

This team studied the chemical and physical properties of Black Beauty to pinpoint where it came from; they determined it was from Terra Cimmeria-Sirenum, one of the most ancient regions of Mars. They were able to isolate the most plausible ejection site – the Karratha crater – that excavated ejecta of an older crater named Khujirt.

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Bail law reform

What are the Supreme Court's directives on grant of bail? Why does it recommend a separate Bail Act?

SUMEDA

The story so far: On July 11, the Supreme Court urged the Centre to bring a new law to simplify and streamline the process of bail, referring to the Bail Act of the U.K. A Bench of Justices S.K. Kaul and M.M. Sundresh said there is a "pressing need" to reform bail laws considering the "abysmally low" conviction rate. Stating that such detentions reflect a colonial mindset and create the impression of a "police state", the apex court issued directions to courts and investigation agencies to prevent "unnecessary" arrests.

What did the court observe?

■ The Supreme Court judgment issued clarifications to a 2021 ruling on the guidelines for considering bail for offences under the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), 1973. The Court observed that arrest is a "draconian" measure that should be used "sparingly". It held that bail continues to be the rule and jail an exception, the touchstone of Article 21, and highlighted the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. It said unwarranted arrests are carried out in violation of Section 41 (empowers police to arrest without a warrant) and Section 41A (deals with the procedure for appearance before police) of the CrPC.

What is the present law?

■ Bail is governed by provisions in the CrPC. Offences are categorised as bailable and non-bailable. Under Section 436, bail is a right in bailable offences and the police or court is bound to release the accused following the furnishing of a bail bond, with or without surety. For a non-bailable offence, an accused cannot claim bail as a right. The discretion lies with the courts. Section 437 sets out the circumstances in which courts can grant bail for non-bailable offences. Provision mandates the court to consider granting bail to an accused below 16 years, someone who is sick, or is a woman.

Stressing on the need to ensure due procedure for arrests and a time limit for disposal of bail applications, the Supreme Court asked the Centre to consider introducing an enactment like a 'Bail Act' to streamline the process

What are some of the guidelines from the Court?

■ Stressing the need to ensure due procedure for arrests and a time limit for disposal of bail pleas, the Court asked the Centre to consider introducing a "Bail Act". Bail pleas have to be disposed of within two weeks except when provisions mandate otherwise. A plea for anticipatory bail has to be decided within six weeks.

Another guideline is that courts need not insist on a formal bail application in some stages, such as proceedings under Sections 88, 170, 204 and 209 of CrPC. This means that the accused can be granted bail on the court's own discretion in some situations. For instance, when a person is present in court and is required to appear again later, it can take a bond (under Sec. 88) instead of remanding in custody. Bail can also be granted when a person is produced before court by the police (Section 170) or when the court issues process - either a summons on a complaint, or a warrant after the police files a charge sheet (Sec.204) or when a case is committed by a magistrate for trial to a sessions court (Sec. 209).

Investigating agencies and officers have to comply with Sections 41 and 41A, it said, adding that action will follow any dereliction of duty. It ruled that non-compliance with Sections 41 and 41A at the time of arrest will entitle the accused to bail. Section 41 deals with arrest in a cognisable offence where punishment is imprisonment for a term which may be less than seven years. Section 41A relates to a notice of appearance before a policeman in cases where the arrest is not required. Notably, a police officer is required to record reasons for arresting or not arresting the person.

The Bench directed State Governments and Union Territories to facilitate standing orders for the procedure to be followed under Sections 41 and 41A to avoid unwarranted arrests. It directed high courts to identify undertrials who are unable to comply with bail conditions and take action to facilitate their release.

What is the U.K. law on bail?

■ In the United Kingdom, the Bail Act of 1976 governs the procedure for granting or denying bail. It recognises a "general right" to bail and aims to reduce the number of inmates to prevent clogging of jails. It says an accused should be granted bail unless there is a justified reason to refuse it. Bail can be rejected if the court finds substantial grounds for believing that the defendant will fail to surrender, commit an offence, or interfere with witnesses if released on bail. The court has to give reasons in case it withholds or alters bail conditions.

Where is population growth taking place?

Where are India and China placed? How will it impact the UN's sustainable development goals?

JACOB KOSHY

The story so far: Coinciding with the World Population Day on July 11, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, released the World Population Prospects 2022, an estimate on likely trends in global population. The global population, which stood at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, is projected to reach 8 billion on November 15, 2022, the report underlines, with India expected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023.

What are the highlights of the report?

■ The projections suggest that the world's population could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030 and 9.7 billion in 2050, before reaching a peak of around 10.4 billion in 2100. The population is expected to remain at that level until 2100. Globally, life expectancy reached 72.8 years in 2019, an increase of almost 9 years since 1990. Further reductions in mortality are projected to result in an average longevity of around 77.2 years globally in 2050.

Life expectancy at birth for women exceeded that for men by 5.4 years globally, with female and male life expectancy standing at 73.8 and 68.4, respectively. In 2021, the average fertility—or the number of children born to a woman in her reproductive lifetime – of the world's population stood at 2.3 births per woman, having fallen from about five births per woman in 1950. Global fertility is projected to decline further to 2.1 births per woman by 2050. Countries of sub-Saharan Africa are expected to continue growing through 2100 and to contribute more than half of the global population increase anticipated through 2050.

More than half of the projected increase in global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in just eight countries: the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The 46 least developed countries (LDCs) are among the world's fastest-growing and several are projected to double in population between 2022 and 2050, putting additional pressure on resources and posing challenges to the achievement of the UN-prescribed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Did COVID-19 impact population growth?

■ Though external shocks take time to reflect in demographic projections, the report is unequivocal that COVID-19 has had an impact. The global life expectancy fell to 71.0 years in 2021, down from 72.8 in 2019, "due mostly" to the pandemic, the report noted. However, it has impacted regions differently. In Central and South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, life expectancy at birth fell by almost three years between 2019 and 2021, on the other hand, the combined population of Australia and New Zealand gained 1.2 years due to lower mortality risks during the pandemic for some causes of death.

Surging ahead: India's population is predicted to grow from its current 1.4 billion people to 1.67 billion in 2050 before settling at 1.53 billion in 2100. It is expected to peak at 1.7 billion sometime in 2064, according to UN estimates. • REUTERS

The labour force participation of women in India has shrunk and the declining fertility means that many more women will demand better jobs in a transitioning economy

What are the implications for India?

■ In 2021, the fifth edition of India's National Family Health Survey reported that for the first time in the country's history, the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) had hit 2.0 or below the replacement rate of 2.1. India's population is predicted to grow from its current 1.4 billion people to 1.67 billion in 2050 before settling at around 1.5 billion in 2100, according to official projections. The population is expected to peak at 1.7 billion sometime in 2064, according to UN estimates.

That means, the decline in India's population is in line with what is being observed in developed countries and is expected to translate into improved living standards per capita and greater gender equity. Because this TFR had been achieved across most States – two major outliers being India's most populous states, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar – it shows that population decline can be achieved without coercive state policies.

The numbers also mean that India will continue to have a large population of working age people who will be expected to support a growing number of the aged. The pressure to provide quality jobs that are also expected to be climate friendly—or at the very least climate neutral -will only continue to increase. The labour force participation of women in India has shrunk and declining fertility means many more will demand better jobs in a transitioning economy.

What about gender equity?

■ The Population Foundation of India, an organisation that works on increasing awareness about contraception, pointed out that the NFHS revealed that "unmet need for family planning methods" was the highest among the lowest wealth quintile (11.4%) and lowest among the highest wealth quintile (8.6%) implying that the usage of modern contraceptives increased with income. So, 66.3% of women who are employed are more likely to use modern contraception compared with 53.4% of women who are not. "This data adds to the mountain of evidence that proves that development is the best contraceptive," Poonam Muttreja, Executive Director of the Population Foundation of India, said. "Our focus should now be to reach the unreached. We must do more for the marginalised sections who may be underprivileged on the basis of class, identity or geography."

Will RBI move help greater trade in rupee?

Which countries are likely to be interested in India's rupee settlement facility? Will payment issues with Russia ease?

K. BHARAT KUMAR

The story so far: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday issued a circular that detailed 'additional arrangement' for invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports and imports in Indian rupees. Under this mechanism, Indian importers could make payment in rupees to the Special Vostro account of the correspondent bank of the partner country, against invoices for the supply of goods or services from the overseas seller. Indian exporters shall be paid proceeds in rupees from the balances in the designated vostro account of the correspondent bank of the partner country.

How does this change the status quo?

■ Vostro accounts have been around for a while. They were likely not widely used because exporters typically prefer settlements in a strong and stable currency.

Also, there are at least three new aspects to the newly-issued circular, as G. Padmanabhan, former executive director at the RBI, points out. First, the RBI has explicitly said that exchange of messages in a safe, secure and efficient way may be agreed upon mutually between the banks of partner countries. Mr. Padmanabhan says, "I don't think RBI has ever gone into the nuances of messaging standards in the past. The SWIFT system was seen as an acceptable standard for international transactions."

It may be recalled that soon after Russia invaded Ukraine, the Belgium-based SWIFT, or Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, a system that allows instant messaging among banks, began excluding Russian banks from transacting through this channel. The aim was to make it difficult and tedious for Russian entities to transact with the rest of the world. The RBI's circular could be taken to mean that partnering banks may use any messaging system they deem fit and not confine themselves to the SWIFT platform.

Two, Mr. Padmanabhan points out, "RBI has allowed for surplus to be invested". That is, the rupee surplus balance held in the vostro accounts may be used by the foreign entities for payments for projects and investments in India as also for investment in Indian government treasury bills and government securities.

Mild relief: The RBI's advisory appears to be aimed at easing business ties with Russia. • GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Three, vostro accounts did not need permission earlier. Now the RBI has specified that banks acting as authorised dealers need to secure prior approval from the regulator to put in place this mechanism. This is likely because the RBI may seek to understand which countries are interested in this mechanism, and whether the accounts are being used for the purpose for which the RBI intended them to be.

Which countries may be interested in the facility?

The RBI's fresh directive seems intended to ease doing business with Russia. EEPC India Chairman Mahesh Desai says that ever since sanctions were imposed on Russia, sectoral trade has been virtually at a standstill with the country due to payment problems. With the new facility, "we see the payment issues with Russia easing," he says.

Former banker with Standard Chartered Bank and Associate Professor at SPJIMR Ananth Narayan says Russia may be the first country to show interest in using this facility. Russia enjoys a trade surplus with India and would be unlikely to prefer payments in currencies such as the dollar or the euro when it is facing sanctions from the West, he points out. "Opening a rupee account where Russia accumulates trade surpluses with India and using those to invest in Indian assets in India, may make sense to Russia. That country holds more than $600 billion in foreign currency and using $20-30 billion of that in rupee accounts may not be a challenge for them."

How does the new mechanism help India?

■ For India, doing business with Russia using rupees would mean there is no hard currency outflow in such transactions, points out Mr. Narayan. The impact on the rupee market is that foreign currency outflow would be lower by $3 billion every month. Technically, it would ease the downward pressure on the rupee, which has been sliding to record lows frequently in the recent past.

However, any easing of the downward pressure on the rupee would be seen only in the medium-to-long term because in the current scenario, payments to Russia have anyway not been going through and a credit system has helped continuity of trade.

If other countries too begin showing interest in using the facility, then a strengthening impact may be seen more quickly for the rupee. Barclays MD and Chief India Economist Rahul Bajoria says, "Amid ongoing rupee weakness, the Reserve Bank of India's steps appear to be aimed at reducing demand for foreign exchange... While incremental for now, we see these measures as useful long-term steps, which can enable greater use of the rupee in foreign trade."

Which banks could choose to opt in ?

■ Mr. Narayan says that larger banks may not immediately set up vostro accounts. If the sanctions on Russia widen, such banks would not want to be caught in an environment where other parts of their international business get impacted.

Smaller banks may be ideal for the purpose and could provide the service with a little bit of push by the Indian government, if need be.

What will be the impact of euro-dollar parity?

How will the weakening euro affect 19 countries in the Eurozone which use the currency? What lies ahead?

PRASHANTH PERUMAL

The story so far: The euro and the U.S. dollar reached parity on Tuesday, meaning one dollar could buy one euro in the foreign exchange market. For over two decades, it took more than one U.S. dollar to purchase one euro. Just a year ago it took about 1.2 U.S. dollars to purchase one euro. Since the beginning of the year the euro has lost about 12% against the U.S. dollar and it is expected to lose more value going forward.

What determines a currency's exchange rate?

■ The price of any currency in a market economy is determined by supply and demand.

The supply of a country's currency in the foreign exchange market is determined by various factors such as central bank policy and the local demand for imports and foreign assets.

The demand for a country's currency, on the other hand, is determined by factors such as central bank policy and the foreign demand for exports and domestic assets.

Why has the euro fallen against the U.S. dollar?

■ Analysts believe that the divergence in the monetary policies of the U.S. Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank is the primary reason behind the euro's significant depreciation against the U.S. dollar. In response to the economic crisis caused by lockdowns imposed to fight the coronavirus pandemic, both the Federal Reserve and the ECB expanded their balance sheets to boost spending. But this soon led to a rise in prices. Inflation in the U.S. hit a four-decade high of 9.1% in June while inflation in the Eurozone reached its highest-ever level of 8.6% during the same month. The U.S. Federal Reserve responded to the rising prices by raising the interest rates this year in order to slow down U.S. money supply growth. The ECB, however, has been far less aggressive in tightening policy even though the inflation rate is as high as 22% in some European countries. This has caused the value of the euro to slide against the dollar as currency traders witness, or at least expect, the supply of euros in the market rising relative to the supply of dollars.

The euro, however, is not the only currency that is depreciating at the moment. The Japanese yen is another major currency that has lost about 20% of its value against the U.S. dollar this year as the Japanese central bank continues to stick to its easy monetary policy.

The value of euro has been affected by the uncertainty in energy supplies in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the ensuing actions against Russia. Europe now has to shell out more euros to import limited energy supplies, which in turn has adversely affected the value of the euro against the U.S. dollar.

What happens next?

■ As the U.S. Federal Reserve continues to raise interest rates, this is likely to exert further downward pressure on the euro. The ECB may be forced to raise interest rates to slow down money supply growth in the Eurozone in order to prop up the value of the euro. But this is likely to lead to a slowdown in growth in the Eurozone – 19 countries use the currency – as its economy will have to readjust to tighter monetary conditions. If so, European nations might opt to enact tax and regulatory reforms to expedite recovery.

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The movement that booted out the Rajapaksas

Gotabaya who came to power three years ago promising security and prosperity was forced out of power by unprecedented protests as the country fell into a cycle of economic miseries

People's verdict: Demonstrators taking part in a protest outside the office of Sri Lanka's Prime Minister in Colombo on July 13; below, a protester celebrating the resignation of Gotabaya Rajapaksa. • AFP, REUTERS

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The staggering visual of tens of thousands breaching the high, iron gates of Sri Lanka's heavily guarded Presidential secretariat and residence on July 9, to unseat its most powerful politician, is still playing on loop in everyone's mind.

It was less than three years ago, in November 2019, that the former soldier rose to Sri Lanka's highest office. He secured an impressive election win, promising national security, splendour, and prosperity. Last weekend, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled his mansion, fearing for his life, and later, desperately sought refuge in two other island countries, before he resigned mid-term.

The tale of his mighty fall, decidedly more pacey and dramatic than his giddy political ascent, had an unlikely protagonist – the 'Janatha Aragalaya' (Sinhala term for People's Struggle).

In deposing the leader, known for his ruthlessness and repressive streak, the Aragalaya did the unthinkable. It wrote his political obituary. Something that the country's weak political opposition or critical civil society organisations did not dream of.

The citizens' rebellion against Mr. Gotabaya exposed the entire Rajapaksa clan's insatiable thirst for power, and apparent disregard for human life and dignity – something the Tamil and Muslim minorities knew for long. The Aragalaya revealed both, the fragility of power, and the power of protest, as citizens underwent the country's worst economic crisis post-Independence.

The financial crash has radically altered their realities, and daily life as they know it. The poor could not afford milk powder for their children. The rich could not find petrol for their cars. They all had to contend with long power cuts. "If we want to cook at home, there is no gas. If we try to get out of the house, there is no petrol. If we just stay at home, there are no lights," as a chant that later evolved in the protest movement put it.

The government cited the pandemic as reason for the country's economic meltdown. It delivered a severe blow to Sri Lanka's chief foreign exchange earning sectors – garment and tea exports and tourism. Analysts, on the other hand, pointed to the government's post-election swingeing tax cuts in 2019, corruption, misgovernance, and the President's ill-advised ban on chemical fertilizers as main causes for the downturn.

To the average citizen, however, the economic reasons didn't matter as much as the politicians who presided over it. When their families were going to bed hungry, people had little appetite to dissect which of the government's policy failures contributed more to their misery.

The Rajapaksas embodied their problems. A solution, therefore, had to begin with removing the ruling family from the ship of state. Seething in anger, they fixed upon their target. Some time in February, they began giving it expression, using social media platforms to communicate and coordinate. Children in tow, and along with neighbours known and unknown, they gathered at street corners, main roads and nearest junctions. They held posters, candles, or simply showed up to stand with others. As people's distress grew, what began as a weekly protest soon became a daily dose of dissent. Many among them were first-time protesters. Their chants were uncoordinated, and their banner fonts clumsy. But they knew what they wanted. "End family rule," their posters screamed. "Give our stolen money back," they said. "Gota go home," they chanted.

The Janatha Aragalaya was born.

Path of dissent

In an island that has witnessed two armed uprisings and a civil war in the last four decades, the idea of dissent cannot be novel. Sri Lanka's Independence struggle was hardly assertive, but the country has a long history of public protests since Independence in 1948. For instance, the 1953 Hartal mounted by then powerful Left parties, against the government's welfare cuts.

Even after the civil war ended in 2009, the Tamil-majority north and east has remained a site of unrelenting struggle – seeking justice for disappeared youth, against military occupation of private land, archaeological takeover of places of worship, and for sheer survival within a long-disadvantaged local economy.

Through 2021, Sri Lanka witnessed a string of protests island wide, as angry farmers vehemently resisted President Gotabaya's abrupt switch to organic farming, to save dollars spent on fertilizer imports. Garment workers, schoolteachers and university students agitated intermittently, for better salaries, and increased spending on higher education.

Except, these were disparate protests. Tamils demanding justice for the disappeared, workers asking for their rights, and farmers agitating to maintain their production and incomes. Their demands had no meeting point or common ground. Their struggles have had limited resonance with, let alone solidarity from, Sri Lanka's wider populace. Annoyed by the traffic snarls protests cause, Colombo's elite and middle classes would often dismiss these groups as a nuisance, or more charitably, "just another protest." But the Aragalaya proved different.

The most striking feature of the people's uprising amid Sri Lanka's economic collapse is that it cannot be neatly fit into a template or category.

It is neither a students' movement, nor a workers' mobilisation, but has both groups, especially youth, participating in substantial numbers. Its members are not all Sinhala speakers, but it isn't comfortably bilingual in English, either. It is centred in the commercial capital of Colombo but also spread across the country. It has Catholic priests and nuns, saffron-robed Buddhist clergy and Muslim leaders who broke Ramzan fast at the protest site. On a crowded protest day at Galle Face, Colombo businessmen, sportspersons, teachers, doctors, nurses, artistes, writers, scores of young professionals, and even pets, could be spotted. You might run into cricketers of yester-year circulating in the crowd one day, and suddenly hear iconic singer Nanda Malini break into one of her famous songs on another.

Over time, however, some groups and individuals began playing a more prominent role in sustaining the momentum of the protests, that could have easily fizzled. Especially when individuals and families were scrambling for essentials, spending long hours in serpentine queues. It is still a headless movement, far from homogenous, and constantly grappling with contradictions within.

Source of resistance

With no clear political backing or organisational anchor, how did the movement come together and emerge as a formidable source of resistance to the rulers?

It was organic and facilitated by the diffusion of smartphones with their social media apps. In its early days, even basic organisational efforts to sustain the protests were chaotic. Participants turned up late to protests, wore the wrong colour, or left behind their posters at home. Some opposed using expletives and others could not contain them. Some were more aware of Gotabaya's past record – of overseeing alleged war crimes against the Tamil civilians and running death squads targeting dissidents – while others faulted him purely as a failed leader. Many virtual meetings and calls via secure platforms later, small groups of people unlikely to have ordinarily met each other found their chemistry. That trust, along their shared resentment of the President and his government, began cementing what would soon become the Janatha Aragalaya.

All the same, the surge in street protests was not entirely to do with improving organisational capabilities. There were external triggers contributing to its growing momentum.

The economic crisis was rapidly aggravating. Living costs were rocketing, putting basic food items beyond reach for many. Hospitals ran out of medicines. Patients could not get medical help without public transport, which itself was running out of fuel. LPG cooking gas and petrol, that were not available in the market, were being sold at exorbitant rates in the black market.

On the night of March 31, hundreds of enraged citizens gathered outside President Gotabaya's private residence in Mirihana, a Colombo suburb. It was a day the island experienced a 13-hour-long power cut. Authorities deployed riot police and used tear gas and water cannons to disperse the protesters who were passionately chanting "Gota Go Home".

In what was later revealed to be the handiwork of provocateurs, a police vehicle was set on fire, prompting more police and military aggression. A curfew was imposed, clamping down on people's movement. A declaration of Emergency rule followed. Issuing a statement, the President called the protesters "extremists" and accused them of plotting an "Arab Spring" in Sri Lanka. Citizens showed their rage by defying the curfew and turning up on the streets in even larger numbers. The "Gota Go Home" chants got louder and people's resolve, stronger. A new chant, mocking then Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa 'Kaputu kak kak...Basil Basil Basil' [the sound of a crow], became a rage. Demonstrators called the brothers and their family members "thieves". At that time, there were five Rajapaksas – brothers Chamal, Mahinda, Basil, Gotabaya, and Mahinda's son Namal – in the Cabinet.

'Gota go gama'

A brief history of the Aragalaya could be told in three chapters: April 9, May 9 and July 9 of 2022.

On April 9, Sri Lanka witnessed a marked escalation in protests. Tens of thousands attired in black, thronged Galle Face, Colombo's iconic seafront, in what was then the largest agitation against the government's incompetence in the face of the deepening economic crisis. Citizens furiously chanted slogans calling the President "a lunatic", "a thief", and calling for him to go to jail.

Overnight and expanding rapidly over the following week, 'Gota go gama' [Gota go village] sprang on bare land adjacent to the Presidential Secretariat. Ironically, it was on the very area that had been designated as a "demonstration site" in 2020, when a newly elected Mr. Gotabaya wanted to tell the world that he was not intolerant to dissent. "Occupying" Galle Face, the protesters began camping out there. It began resembling a community with each passing day, becoming a little more liveable as more amenities, including toilets, first aid, legal aid, common kitchen and a library, were added. The barren land on a major thoroughfare connecting Colombo's harbour, shopping and administrative areas with the newer 5-star hotels lining the seafront was quickly morphing into a mutual aid enclave.

Just outside the Presidential Secretariat, university students erected a dais, blocking entry into the colonial-era building that was the country's Parliament in its earlier avatar. The Socialist Youth Union (SYU) and the Inter University Students' Federation [IUSF], loosely affiliated to the leftist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna [JVP] and its breakaway Frontline Socialists' Party, brought in their own protest credentials. They added more catchy chants, leading huge crowds to repeat in unison and now greater familiarity. "Kagedame balawege, Janatha-ge balawage" [Whose power, people's power], and "Aragalayata jayawewa" [victory to the struggle], they roared. With the growing energy of the space, more tents began cropping up – housing many more groups, including deaf community activists, disabled ex-soldiers, and IT specialists.

Those who could not reside at 'Gota go gama' supported in other ways. They provided meals, medicines, books, umbrellas, water bottles, or whatever they could share. The evening crowds were steady. Family groups of Muslims were visible through their distinctive attire. It seemed that the most-recently persecuted ethnic community was there to protest a series of injustices in the last decade. The targeted attacks against them were orchestrated by racists, who were known to be supporters of the Rajapaksas. It seemed as if they were recalling the Aluthgama riots of 2014, Digana carnage of 2018, the attacks on the community following the 2019 Easter attacks, and the forced burials during the pandemic.

Some individuals turned up every night after work, a few of them resolutely standing alone, carrying their homemade poster. In a sense, no one owned the space. In another, everyone owned it. In parallel, 'Gota go gamas' were set up in several other districts. They customised these sites of dissent, from where they chanted slogans, and railed against the widely despised political leadership in capital Colombo. In Matara, for instance, the 'Gota go gama' included a coffin for the Rajapaksas.

Gradually, with more diverse voices joining the call for "Gota" to go, the scope of the protest began expanding. More Tamil posters were visible, with some even calling for justice and accountability for war crimes, and the repeal of the country's draconian terrorism law. Weeks into April, protesters marked the third anniversary of the Easter Day serial bombings, at the protest sites, demanding justice for the nearly 300 victims. Trade unions marched to the agitation site, bringing their May Day rallies to the country's most urgent struggle.

While "Gota go home" remained the chief demand of the surging demonstrations, several other demands were now making their way in, such as the abolition of Executive Presidency. Mr. Gotabaya was still the main target but not the only one. The protesters began talking about "system change", calling for a drastic shake up of the existing political order. In a harsh reality check for the political opposition, they asked all 225 MPs to resign. Parliament did not represent them anymore, they contended.

For Sri Lanka's ordinary citizens, facing extreme economic hardship, the Rajapaksas embodied their problems, and a solution had to begin with their removal from the helm

By now, protesters also set up another exclusive site, a couple of kilometres south, outside the Prime Minister's official residence, to step up their resistance to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. The Aragalaya had become larger than its members realised, and more powerful than the leaders had expected.

Violent repression

On May 9, following a meeting summoned by the Prime Minister, ruling party activists stormed the protest sites in Colombo, and brutally assaulted peaceful protesters. Police stood and watched.

The episode provoked a day of attacks by vigilantes who thrashed ruling party members and torched the homes of several government MPs and Ministers. They burnt down the Rajapaksas' ancestral home and vandalised their parents' memorial in their village in the south. The intensity of the public outrage against the ruling clan, once celebrated for its role in bringing the war against the LTTE to an end, was shocking, even if not inexplicable. It was clear that fear had been displaced by fury.

Mr. Mahinda resigned the very same day, seeing his continuing in office as untenable. If he had heard the protesters, he'd have realised it sooner and avoided the violent attacks. Another round of curfew followed.

The two months since were rather challenging for the Aragalaya. Many were stunned by the events of May 9, days after which Ranil Wickremesinghe was appointed Premier. While he took a seemingly conciliatory approach to the protests, even inviting protesters for talks, there was no let-up in the drastic deterioration of the economy. The government had already defaulted on its $50 billion foreign debt. The country had now run out of dollars to import fuel, while existing credit lines dried up.

Mr. Wickremesinghe was keen to show the world, particularly the International Monetary Fund (IMF) whose help Colombo is counting on, that protests would subside, making way for economic recovery. His assessment was wrong. Protesters did not take the bait, seeing him as a protector of a discredited regime.

After a few weeks of a lull, perhaps owing to a combination of fear, fatigue, acute fuel shortages that prevented people from turning up for the protests, they planned another big show of strength on July 9. The turnout surpassed their own expectation. Demonstrators walked miles, travelled in extremely crowded buses, or hitchhiked to Colombo from afar to show up. The storming of the sites of power seemed more spontaneous than strategic. At that moment, it was as if citizens' pent-up rage had found its own course to reach the very seat of power they so detested. Mr. Gotabaya officially resigned on July 14 and Parliament is now trying find a new President through available constitutional provisions.

Far from over

The Aragalaya is unprecedented in Sri Lanka, in its scale, geographic spread, and impact. It brought together Sri Lankans of all ethnic hues and class locations, who were together in their suffering brought upon by the crisis, and in their shared resolve to oust the man who was responsible for it.

But the common ground may be fleeting. The struggle periodically confronts many internal contradictions, such as, who represents it, whose proposals are more valid or inclusive, and how to take the movement forward. While some see value in allowing for a parliamentary resolution to the political crisis that has ensued, others see it as a failed institution, and call for extra-parliamentary methods, including a people's council.

While some in the Aragalaya are convinced that the IMF can help the country's economic recovery, others see it as part of the problem. All actors do not necessarily converge in their critique of the military and militarisation, or their sympathy towards Tamils' call for justice and a political solution to the national question. They may remain together for the immediate future, as the "Ranil go home" sentiment gains momentum, amid frantic political manoeuvres by presidential aspirants including Mr. Wickremesinghe, the acting President now.

But if it is truly system change that the citizen's uprising desires, the Janatha Aragalaya may have just begun.

In Focus

- A brief history of the Aragalaya could be told in three chapters: April 9, May 9 and July 9 of 2022
- On April 9, Sri Lanka witnessed a marked escalation in protests
- On May 9, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned after widespread retaliatory attacks triggered by an assault on protesters by his supporters
- On July 9, waves of protesters marched to Colombo's seafront and stormed the sites of power, forcing President Gotabaya to flee the country and later resign

HDFC Bank Q1 net profit climbs 21%

Core net interest income grows 14.5% on the back of a 22.5% rise in advances

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

HDFC Bank on Saturday reported consolidated first-quarter net profit rose 20.9% to ₹9,579.11 crore.

Standalone profit at India's largest private sector lender increased to ₹9,195.99 crore, from ₹7,729.64 crore in the year-earlier period, but fell from ₹10,055.18 crore in the preceding quarter.

Core net interest income grew 14.5% to ₹19,481.4 crore from a year earlier on the back of a 22.5% growth in advances. The core net interest margin (NIM) stood at 4%.

Other income, excluding trading and mark-to-market losses, jumped 35% to ₹7,699.99 crore on the back of an increase in fees and commissions, foreign exchange derivatives revenue and miscellaneous income which included recoveries and dividend, the bank said.

Welcome liability: Deposits grew 19.2% even as it added 2.6 million liability relationships during the quarter. • VIJAY SONEJI

The private lender's retail loans grew 21.7% and commercial and rural banking loans rose 28.9%.

Incurs treasury losses

Amid the hardening of yields, which is widely expected to lead to reverses for banks' treasury operations, the lender reported a loss of ₹1,311.7 crore on sale or revaluation of investments as against a profit of ₹601 crore reported in the quarter ended June 2021.

Deposit growth came in at 19.2%, the bank said, pointing out that it had added 2.6 million liability relationships during the quarter.

The gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio improved to 1.28% as of June 30, from 1.47% a year earlier.

The bank said if the NPAs in the seasonal agricultural segment were excluded, the ratio would have been 1.06% against 1.26% a year earlier.

Overall provisions fell to ₹3,187.73 crore from ₹4,830.84 crore, it said, adding the credit cost ratio improved to 0.91% from 1.67%.

HDFC Bank's floating provisions totalled ₹1,451 crore and contingent provisions were ₹9,630 crore. The lender said total provisions it carried were 170% of the GNPAs.

Raises headcount

It added 10,932 employees as well as 36 branches to take the overall network to more than 6,000 branches during the quarter. The share of the low-cost current and savings accounts stood at 45.8%.

HDFC Bank's corporate and wholesale advances growth came down to 15.7%, retail loans grew 21.7% and commercial and rural banking loans rose 28.9%.

Capital adequacy stood at 18.1% as of June 30 compared with 19.1% a year earlier.

Brokerage HDFC Securities' profit after tax slid to ₹189.3 crore from ₹251.1 crore, while the non-bank financier HDB Financial Services saw profit surge to ₹441.3 crore, from ₹88.6 crore a year earlier.

Jet fuel prices cut by 2.2% as crude slides

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Jet fuel (ATF) prices were reduced by 2.2% on Saturday, reflecting a fall in international oil prices.

Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices were cut by ₹3,084.94 per kilolitre, or 2.2%, to ₹1,38,147.93 per kl, a price notification of state-run fuel retailers showed.

This is only the second reduction in rates this year. Prices had peaked to ₹1,41,232.87 per kl (₹141.23 per litre) last month.

ATF prices are revised on the 1st and 16th of every month based on rates of benchmark international oil rates in the previous fortnight. There was no change in rates on July 1.

Prior to that, prices were raised by the steepest-ever 16% to catapult rates to an all-time.

'Trade deficit, outflows warrant monitoring'

RBI officials cite easing prices as a plus

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Amid a hostile international environment, close and continuous monitoring of the widening trade deficit and portfolio outflows was warranted, strong reserve buffers notwithstanding, a team of officials led by RBI Deputy Governor M.D. Patra wrote in the RBI Bulletin.

The officials, however, took comfort from the fact that recent moderation in commodity prices and easing supply chain pressures could help India escape the global inflation trap.

'Economy resilient'

The Indian economy remained resilient in the face of formidable global headwinds, the officials wrote, but added, "knock-on effects of geopolitical spillovers are visible in several sectors, tapering the pace of recovery."

The international environment "is hostile and hence, close and continuous monitoring of the widening trade deficit and portfolio outflows is warranted, notwithstanding strong reserve buffers, moderating external debt and a fairly valued exchange rate that has wilted less in the face of the monotonic strengthening of the U.S. dollar than many peers", the authors pointed out in the article on the 'State of the Economy', published in the bulletin for July.

The central bank said the views expressed in the article were those of the authors and did not necessarily represent the views of the Reserve Bank of India.

Western Australia bats for direct flights to Perth

State Dy. Premier meets airline officials

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

The government of Western Australia has held talks with the top management of Air India, Vistara and IndiGo on operating direct flights from India to Perth, a city getting ready to host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup this year.

The Indian airlines have been approached to connect to Western Australia to boost tourism from India.

Western Australia's Deputy Premier Roger Cook, during his visit to India, met top airline executives and Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia apprising them about the potential of Perth as a sector.

Roger Cook

"I met Tata Group chairman N. Chandrasekaran and requested him to consider Perth as a route for Air India or Vistara which are part of the Tata Group. Our officials had also met top executives of IndiGo," he said.

Mr. Cook said he had got positive feedback from these airlines. Once direct air connectivity is established, the number of travellers would rise sharply.

VIL to allocate ₹436-cr. equity to parent

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Debt-ridden telecom operator Vodafone Idea's shareholders have approved equity allocation worth ₹436.21 crore to its promoter entity, the Vodafone Group.

As per voting results submitted to the stock exchanges, 99.94% of Vodafone Idea (VIL) shareholders approved allocation of the equity to Vodafone Group firm Euro Pacific Securities.

As on March 31, the total debt (including interest accrued but not due) of the group was ₹1,97,878.2 crore. The company has about ₹8,160 crore of payments due over the next 12 months, as per analysts.

Aggressive loan growth to continue: SHFL MD

Housing lender plans to add branches, raise headcount this year, says Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy

K. BHARAT KUMAR
CHENNAI

Sundaram Home Finance Ltd. (SHFL) expects aggressive loan disbursement growth to continue in the current financial year, said Managing Director Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy.

"The segments and geographies that we are targeting have continued with the positive trend this year," Mr. Duraiswamy said. "Demand has been consistent over the last 3-4 quarters. This is an indication that the growth story in the real estate space remains intact."

Disbursements for the quarter ended March 31 had risen 73% to ₹794 crore from a year earlier. The company disbursed more than ₹300 crore in March alone, a record in its history. "We continue to focus on tier 2 and tier 3 towns and expect those locations to drive growth this year," he added. "Our ability to understand the customer and underwrite self-employed professionals gives us an edge in these markets."

Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy

SHFL is also looking to add branches this year, to the current 105. "After four years, we are looking at branch expansion... in the second half of the year, we are aiming to open 15 branches, mostly in tier 3 locations in Andhra, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu," he said. Mr. Duraiswamy had in May said "the contribution from tier 2 and 3 towns in the southern market" to total business had risen to about 70% at the end of March, from about 55% a year earlier.

The expansion would initially likely be on a 'hub and spoke model', with the new branches starting small and working closely with the nearest large branch. "But we expect each of these new locations to become full-fledged branches within 18 months of starting operations. While the 10 branches outside the South are doing well, we will continue to expand in the southern region this year and consolidate our presence in these markets before looking at further expansion outside the South," Mr. Duraiswamy said.

'Hiring to spur growth'

SHFL also plans to increase headcount by about 300. "We are stepping up hiring this year and are looking to hire 250-300 people on a base of 800. We recruited about 170 people last year. We believe that hiring quality people will be an important factor in fast-tracking growth."

Asked if a looming global recession or even a slowdown in India on the back of rising lending rates could end up as a dampener for the real estate sector, Mr. Duraiswamy said: "We continue to be bullish on the long-term outlook. We do not expect consumer demand to go down in this space anytime in the near future. Our view is that the real estate sector is fundamentally strong and is poised for growth. Tier 2 towns are clearly catching up on growth and offer lots of opportunities for us."

Mr. Duraiswamy said the company had seen a spike in deposits after increases in deposit rates twice in the recent past. "We believe that fixed deposits will continue to be a consistent source of funding for us," he added.

Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 launched

The competition will replace KPL which was last held in 2019

CRICKET

N. SUDARSHAN
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Cricket Association's brand new T20 offering, the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament, will be held from August 7 to 26, it was announced on Saturday.

The competition, which will begin in Mysuru and move to Bengaluru, will replace the Karnataka Premier League (KPL) that ran for eight seasons until 2019 before a match-fixing and betting scandal grounded it.

The tournament will feature six teams from the Mysuru, Shivamogga, Hubballi, Raichur, Mangaluru and Bengaluru regions. But unlike KPL, the Maharaja Trophy will not be franchise based with team owners, but only team sponsors. They include Kalyani Motors, Cycle Pure Agarbathies, Fiza Developers among others.

New beginning: KSCA President Roger Binny, and other office bearers, at the unveiling on Saturday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Draft system

There will be a draft system to pick players instead of an auction, and it will be held on July 30. The KSCA has hand-picked six sets of a head coach, assistant coach, a selector, and a Ranji Trophy player each and they will be involved in assembling the six outfits on the day of the draft. Former cricketers like Stuart Binny, Mansur Ali Khan, P.V. Shashikanth, T. Nasiruddin are among the head coaches.

There will be four pools of players to choose from – A (India and IPL players), B (senior state), C (U-25, U-23 and U-19) and D (the rest). The likes of Manish Pandey, K. Gowtham, Karun Nair, Devdutt Padikkal and Abhimanyu Mithun are expected to participate, and the tournament will be broadcast live on Star network.

"We are looking to replicate the [Australian] Big Bash League format," explained Santosh Menon, secretary, KSCA. "We will be forming the teams and running the competition. It will be our sole responsibility to manage all affairs, unlike before when we shared it with teams. We have requested the BCCI to send anti-corruption teams and we will be doing our best to increase surveillance."

Unsavoury incidents

Asked if the unsavoury incidents from 2019, when one of the team owners was arrested for his alleged involvement in the betting scandal, played a part in moving away from the franchise-based model, the KSCA said no.

"A franchise league would have made the tournament a commercial activity and we would have incurred a huge tax burden according to the Justice Lodha Committee recommendations," said Vinay Mruthyunjaya, spokesperson, KSCA. "We consulted a few lawyers and they felt the same. We didn't want to lose out on cricket at the cost of commerce."

KSCA president Roger Binny hoped that the Maharaja Trophy would rekindle interest in the game in the districts after a two-year COVID-induced lull. "This [tournament] will do us good and continue the development. We won't let you down," Binny promised.

It's Philosophy vs. Leonardo

BENGALURU: Philosophy and Leonardo may fight out the finish of the Betway Bangalore Summer Derby (2,000m), the stellar attraction of the races to be held here on Sunday (July 17). There will be no false rails. A carried over amount of ₹2,07,960 will be added to the jackpot pool.

1 MUMBAI SALVER (1,200m), rated 80 & above, 1-30 p.m.: 1. Smashing Blue (4) Shreyas S 65, 2. Automatic (5) Srinath 57, 3. Golden Guest (2) Ajinkya 57, 4. The Sovereign Orb (3) Trevor 55.5 and 5. Psychic Warrior (1) Angad 50.

1. THE SOVEREIGN ORB, 2. SMASHING BLUE

2 TURF AUTHORITIES OF INDIA TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 2-00: 1. Colonel Harty (7) Angad 62.5, 2. Griffin (4) L.A. Rozario 61, 3. Thousand Words (2) Akshay K 57.5, 4. Golden Vision (1) Yash 57, 5. Secretsuperstar (11) Chethan K 56.5, 6. Alberetta (8) Salman K 56, 7. Fernet Branca (13) Ajinkya 54.5, 8. Donna Bella (6) Likith 54, 9. Harmonia (3) Md. Aliyar 54, 10. Del Mar (12) Ashhad A 53.5, 11. Unyielding (14) S. Saqlain 53.5, 12. Wings Of Desire (9) T.S. Jodha 53.5, 13. Indian Pharaoh (5) Nazerul 53 and 14. Aceros (10) Abhay S 51.5.

1. THOUSAND WORDS, 2. DEL MAR, 3. UNYIELDING

3 MUKUL A. SONAWALA MILLION (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o, (Terms), 2-30: 1. Alpha Domino (5) P.S. Chouhan 56, 2. Ardakan (6) Nikhil N 56, 3. Balor (10) Ajinkya 56, 4. Black Eagle (11) Sandesh 56, 5. Hero Of The East (1) Abhay S 56, 6. Roudy (4) Srinath 56, 7. Shamrock (8) Suraj 56, 8. Sucre (3) Akshay K 56, 9. Daianne (7) Bhawani S 54.5, 10. Kiefer (9) C.S. Jodha 54.5 and 12. Triple Wish (2) T.S. Jodha 54.5.

1. SHAMROCK, 2. SUCRE, 3. BLACK EAGLE

4 HYDERABAD CUP (1,800m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 3-05: 1. Karanveer (10) A. Imran 60, 2. Prince Abir (5) Srinath 60, 3. Ruling Goddess (3) Trevor 58, 4. Peluche (1) Rayan 56.5, 5. Scribbling Hopper (2) Akshay K 56, 6. Southern Dynasty (7) C.S. Jodha 56, 7. Windstorm (9) Darshan 55, 8. Capable (4) G. Vivek 54.5, 9. Grey Channel (6) Arshad 52.5 and 10. Johnny Bravo (8) Likith 50.

1. RULING GODDESS, 2. SCRIBBLING HOPPER, 3. SOUTHERN DYNASTY

5 B.T.C. ANNIVERSARY CUP (1,400m), 4-y-o & over, 3-40: 1. Evaldo (2) Akshay K 60, 2. Miracle (3) P.S. Chouhan 60, 3. Augustus Caesar (4) Bhawani S 55.5, 4. Knotty Dancer (6) Suraj 55, 5. All Attractive (1) Sandesh 54, 6. Ascoval (7) Trevor 54 and 7. Presidential (5) P.P. Dhebe 54.

1. MIRACLE, 2. KNOTTY DANCER

6 BETWAY BANGALORE SUMMER DERBY (2,000m), 3-y-o, (Terms), 4-15: 1. Arthur (12) Srinath 56, 2. Beyond Measure (8) Yash 56, 3. Cyrenius (2) P.P. Dhebe 56, 4. Last Wish (3) A. Imran 56, 5. Leonardo (10) Akshay K 56, 6. Mojito 56, 7. Once You Go Black (4) Suraj 56, 8. Prague (1) Ashhad A 56, 9. Supernatural (6) Trevor 56, 10. Triumphant (5) P.S. Kaviraj 56, 11. King's Ransom (13) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 12. Philosophy (11) Sandesh 54.5 and 13. Success (7) C.S. Jodha 54.5.

1. PHILOSOPHY, 2. LEONARDO, 3. ONCE YOU GO BLACK

7 CHIVAS TROPHY (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 5-00: 1. King Of War (9) Ashhad A 56, 2. Monteverdi (5) Suraj 56, 3. Salento (6) Sandesh 56, 4. Sir Tyrrell (1) Mark 56, 5. Blue Dew (2) Bhawani S 54.5, 6. Happy Time (4) Rayan 54.5, 7. Kulsum (7) Likith 54.5, 8. My Solitaire (3) Trevor 54.5, 9. Oasis Class (8) Kirtish B 54.5 and 10. Queen Envied (10) Akshay K 54.5.

1. MONTEVERDI, 2. SALENTO, 3. QUEEN ENVIED

8 INDIAN PATTERN COMMITTEE TROPHY (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 5-40: 1. Own Legacy (4) Trevor 60, 2. Aberne (7) T.S. Jodha 59, 3. Knotty City (2) Ashhad A 59, 4. Augusto (6) L.A. Rozario 56.5, 5. Chinky Pinky (1) P.S. Chouhan 55, 6. Je Ne Sais Quoi (3) Kirtish B 55, 7. Roman Power (5) Akshay K 55 and 8. Stellar Gold (8) C.S. Jodha 52.5.

1. KNOTTY CITY, 2. ROMAN POWER, 3. CHINKY PINKY

Day's best: THE SOVEREIGN ORB
Double: MONTEVERDI – KNOTTY CITY
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

SNAPSHOTS

Aishwary wins rifle 3-position gold

CHANGWON (KOREA): Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar came up with a dominant performance to clinch the men's 50-metre rifle 3-position gold in the shooting World Cup in Changwon, Korea, on Saturday.

After qualifying with a 593 out of 600, the 21-year-old Indian topped the ranking round with 409.8.

The results: 25m sports pistol: Women: 1. Xiu Hong Teh (Sgp) 28 (14) 587; 2. Mathilde Lamolle (Fra) 21 (14) 580; 3. Shun Xie Teo (Sgp) 19 (15) 581; 4. Manu Bhaker 9 (18) 581; 14. Rhythm Sangwan 577.

50m rifle 3-position: Men: 1. Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar 16 (409.8) 593; 2. Zalan Pekler (hun) 12 (406.7) 589; 3. Istvan Peni (Hun) 406.4 (589); 7. Chain Singh 301.1 (586); 40. Sanjeev Rajput 577.

Aishwary Pratap. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Nisha Dahiya wins silver

TUNIS: Nisha Dahiya and Mansi Ahlawat secured two more medals in women's competitions at the Zouhaier Sghaier Ranking Series wrestling tournament. Nisha won two of her three round robin matches to take the silver medal in 68kg. Mansi (57kg) got a bronze medal as her opponent Helen Maroulis of the USA withdrew due to an injury suffered in a previous duel. Harpreet Singh claimed the silver while Sajan bagged the bronze in the 82kg Greco Roman category.

Ankita-Kobori pair corners glory

NUR-SULTAN: Ankita Raina, seeded second with Momoko Kobori of Japan, won the doubles title defeating the Korean pair of Choi Ji Hee and Han Na-Lae 6-2, 3-6, [10-8] in the $25,000 ITF women's tennis here.

Ankita and Kobori. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Other results: $25,000 ITF men, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan: Semifinals: Beibit Zhukayev (Kaz) bt Prajnesh Gunneswaran 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (semifinals): Sai Karteek Reddy & Manish Sureshkumar bt Anis Ghorbel & Aziz Ouakaa (Tun) 5-7, 6-3, [10-6]. Rithvik Choudary & Niki Poonacha bt Omar Brigida & Gabriele Maria Noce (Ita) 6-3, 4-6, [11-9].

Faith wins R.R. Byramji Memorial Cup

BENGALURU: P. Shroff-trained Faith (P.S. Chouhan up), won the R.R. Byramji Memorial Cup, the feature event of the races held here on Saturday (July 16). The winner is owned by Mr. Mehernosh H. Deboo & Mrs. Auzita M. Deboo.

As heavy rains rendered the track not conducive for racing, the stewards decided to cancel the last two races of the day.

1. SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over: DIVINE RAY (Akshay K) 1, Dr Logan (L.A. Rozario) 2, Clever Hans (G. Vivek) 3 and Moving Ahead (Ashhad A) 4. 7-1/2, Lnk and 3. 1m, 28.20s. ₹29 (w), 12, 72 and 18 (p), SHP: 216, THP: 39, FP: 857, Q: 564, Trinella: 2,822 and 1,209, Exacta: 88,313. Favourite: Winmylove. Owner: Ms. Ameeta Mehra. Trainer: Darius Byramji.

2. DELHI CUP (1,800m), rated 20 to 45: SHUBANKAR (Srinath) 1, Lycurgus (Arvind K) 2, Star Comet (Akshay K) 3 and Tyto Alba (Sai Kiran) 4. 4, Snk and 3-3/4. 1m, 54.62s. ₹40 (w), 16, 54 and 15 (p), SHP: 129, THP: 42, FP: 657, Q: 482, Trinella: 3,578 and 1,661, Exacta: 97,452 (carried over). Favourite: Konabos. Owner: Mr. Laksh Bhatia. Trainer: Warren Singh.

3. MYSORE CUP (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): MONTELENA (P.S. Chouhan) 1, Star Admiral (Vishal B) 2, India Strong (N.S. Parmar) 3 and Capriati (Trevor) 4. 3/4, 4-1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 15.08s. ₹40 (w), 15, 24 and 40 (p), SHP: 63, THP: 87, FP: 338, Q: 157, Trinella: 2,424 and 1,758, Exacta: 19,628 and 4,206. Favourite: Capriati. Owner: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

4. KOLKATA CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65: FORSETI (Trevor) 1, Moon's Blessing (Shreyas S) 2, Imperial Blue (Akshay K) 3 and Elusive Girl (Arshad) 4. Not run: Keystone. 1, 3-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 27.07s. ₹18 (w), 12, 19 and 12 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 42, FP: 95, Q: 69, Trinella: 277 and 77, Exacta: 733 and 539. Favourite: Forseti. Owner: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

5. CHENNAI TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 to 85: TACTICAL COMMAND (Akshay K) 1, Star Glory (Suraj) 2, Kensington Court (Trevor) 3 and Watchmystars (Likith) 4. 3/4, Nose and 2-1/4. 1m, 13.86s. ₹67 (w), 20, 14 and 13 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 36, FP: 324, Q: 111, Trinella: 391 and 155, Exacta: 2,764 and 1,812. Favourite: Pride's Angel. Owners: Mr. Dean Stephens & Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

6. R.R. BYRAMJI MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o, (Terms): FAITH (P.S. Chouhan) 1, Crown Consort (Suraj) 2, Fortunate Son (N.S. Parmar) 3 and Yukan (Akshay K) 4. 2-3/4, 2-3/4 and 2. 1m, 26.75s. ₹54 (w), 26 and 13 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 46, FP: 90, Q: 38, Trinella: 917 and 372, Exacta: 2,706 and 1,381. Favourite: Crown Consort. Owners: Mr. Mehernosh H. Deboo & Mrs. Auzita M Deboo. Trainer: P. Shroff.

7. CHIVAS CUP (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: MARK ONE (G. Vivek) 1, Stunning Beauty (Arvind K) 2, Dedicated Boy (Kiran N) 3 and Benediction (Ajinkya) 4. Not run: Lauterbrunnen. 2-3/4, 3-3/4 and Nk. 1m, 19.33s. ₹41 (w), 18, 18 and 25 (p), SHP: 44, THP: 76, FP: 249, Q: 114, Trinella: 923 and 318, Exacta: 8,231 and 3,527. Favourite: Mitsuro. Owners: Mr Nitin Himmatmal Jain & Mr. Jain Laxmikant Trivedi. Trainer: Rajendra Singh.

Jackpot: ₹1,587 (118 tkts.); Treble (i): 1,415 (six tkts.); (ii): 987 (14 tkts.); (iii): 24 (949 tkts.).

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Men in Blue keen to alter their batting playbook

The visitors might take an aggressive approach in the finale, following the debacle in the second match at Lord's

INDIA IN ENG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MANCHESTER

Jolted by a thumping defeat in its last game, the Indian team is expected to tweak its batting template from cautious to a more fearless one in the series-deciding third ODI against England here on Sunday.

The team under Rohit Sharma did put up an ultra-aggressive batting show with a great degree of success during the recently concluded T20 International series but the manner in which it chased a below-par target of 247 in the second ODI has left a lot to be desired.

Therefore a change in approach is required and for that a paradigm shift in the mindset while going for the tricky run-chases unlike the first game at the Oval where the game was single-handedly won by Jasprit Bumrah's six-wicket haul.

"I want these guys to take the game on and see if they can find something different about their own game rather than looking at the team's role. If they get the team out of that situation imagine the confidence they are going to get from that," Rohit had said after the second game.

Opening salvo: Rohit and Dhawan will need to get India off to a flying start in order to put England under the pump. • REUTERS

But India won't mind as long as these formidable men are being kept under tight leash but the visitor would have to alter its play book. And it will be a challenge in a morning ODI at the Old Trafford where the ball moves appreciably.

England's batting line-up has looked complete out-of-sorts in the two games and suddenly it seemed that host with power hitters of the calibre of Jos Buttler, Jonny Bairstow, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes and Liam Livingstone are playing an archaic one-day game.

India's bowling attack has performed as per expectations in at least four of the five white-ball games so far.

The teams (from):

England: Jos Buttler (Capt. & wk), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Brydon Carse, Sam Curran, Liam Livingstone, Craig Overton, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley and David Willey.

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Shikhar Dhawan, Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj, Arshdeep Singh.

Match Starts at 3.30 p.m. (IST).

Shaheen's four scalps rein in Sri Lanka

Pakistan loses two early wickets

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GALLE

Pakistan's Shaheen Shah Afridi led an inspired attack to bowl out Sri Lanka for 222 but the hosts hit back with two wickets before stumps on the opening day of the first Test here on Saturday.

The tourists reached 24 for two at close of play, having lost openers Imam-ul-Haq and Abdullah Shafique.

Fast bowler Kasun Rajitha trapped Imam leg before for two and Prabath Jayasuriya took down Shafique for 13 with his left-arm spin on a day dominated by the bowlers. Left-arm fast bowler Shaheen stood out with figures of four for 58 but Dinesh Chandimal's attacking 76 and a late cameo of 36 by Maheesh Theekshana gave the hosts a fighting total.

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka – 1st innings: Oshada Fernando c Rizwan b Hasan 35, Dimuth Karunaratne b Shaheen 1, Kusal Mendis c Rizwan b Yasir 21, Angelo Mathews c Naseem b Yasir 0, Dinesh Chandimal c Yasir b Hasan 76, Dhananjaya de Silva b Shaheen 14, Niroshan Dickwella c Agha b Shaheen 4, Ramesh Mendis c Rizwan b Naseem 11, Prabhat Jayasuriya lbw b Nawaz 3, Maheesh Theekshana c Rizwan b Shaheen 38, Kasun Rajitha (not out) 12; Extras (b-1, lb-3, nb-3): 7; Total (in 66.1 overs): 222.
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-60, 3-60, 4-68, 5-99, 6-103, 7-130, 8-133, 9-177.
Pakistan bowling: Shaheen 14.1-3-58-4, Hasan 12-2-23-2, Naseem 13-0-53-1, Yasir 21-4-66-2, Nawaz 6-2-18-1.
Pakistan – 1st innings: Abdullah Shafique lbw b Jayasuriya 13, Imam-ul-Haq lbw b Rajitha 2, Azhar Ali (batting) 3, Babar Azam (batting) 1; Extras (w-5): 5; Total (for two wkts. in 18 overs): 24.
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-21.
Sri Lanka bowling: Rajitha 5-2-11-1, Theekshana 9-4-11-0, Jayasuriya 4-3-2-1.
Toss: Sri Lanka.

LIVE TELECAST

Sri Lanka vs Pakistan: 1st Test, day 2, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10 a.m.
Badminton: Singapore Open, Sports 18-1, 10.30 a.m.
Golf: The Open Championship, Eurosport (SD & HD) & Discovery Plus, 1.30 p.m. & 9.30 p.m.
England vs India: 3rd ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Formula E: New York E-Prix, SS Select 2 & Disney+ Hotstar, 10.30 p.m.
World Athletics Championships: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, World Athletics Facebook & Youtube channel, 5 a.m. (Monday)

IN BRIEF

Stokes rested for South Africa T20s

LONDON

England's Test captain Ben Stokes has been rested from the home T20 series against South Africa as part of the team's workload management. Stokes will feature in the 50-over games against South Africa beginning on July 19 before being rested for the T20 series starting on July 27. Jos Buttler will lead the side.

Ireland loses by one run

DUBLIN

Superb centuries from Paul Stirling and Harry Tector went in vain as Ireland suffered a heartbreaking one-run defeat against New Zealand in the third and final ODI of the three-match series at Dublin on Friday. With this victory, New Zealand completed a clean sweep.
The scores: NZ 360/6 in 50 overs (Guptill 115, Nicholls 79) bt Ireland 359/9 in 50 overs (Stirling 120, Tector 108, Henry 4/68). ANI

Jehan to test with McLaren again

MUMBAI

After a successful Formula 1 test debut, Jehan Daruvala will now take part in a second two-day test with former champion McLaren at the Portimao circuit in Portugal next week. The test, where Jehan will again drive the 2021 race-winning MCL35M, will take place on July 18 and 19. PTI

Vani, Diksha lie third in Netherlands tourney

ARNHEM

Diksha Dagar and Vani Kapoor were placed tied third midway through the Big Green Egg Open golf tournament here on Friday. Diksha (70, 71) and Vani (71, 70) are five-under and three shots behind leader Whitney Hillier. Amandeep Drall (73, 72) at T-30 and Ridhima Dilawari (74, 76) at T-45 also made the cut, while Neha Tripathi (79, 76) missed out. PTI

Maria Sharapova gives birth to baby boy

NEW YORK

Maria Sharapova, a five-time Grand Slam champion and former World No. 1, announced on Friday she had given birth to a baby boy – Theodore. AFP

Titles for Pragg and Aravindh

Gukesh tops 2700-mark, climbs to 32nd in live rankings

Early rise | GM D. Gukesh became only the sixth Indian, and the third youngest GM, to cross the coveted 2700 ELO ratings mark following his victory against Vietnam GM Le Quang Liam in the third round of the Biel Chess Festival (Classic) in Switzerland on Saturday

Player	Age when they reached 2700
Wei Yi	15.8
Alireza Firouzja	16.1
Gukesh	16.1
Magnus Carlsen	16.6
Anish Giri	17

Gukesh. • RAKESH RAO

CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

R. Praggnanandhaa warmed up for the upcoming Chess Olympiad by winning the Paracin Open chess title in Paracin, Serbia, on Saturday and bounced back into the world's top-100 live rankings.

Needing to stay undefeated to ensure the top prize, Praggnanandhaa drew the ninth and final round with Kazakhstan's Alisher Suleymenov in 46 moves to tally eight points.

Top seed Alexandr Predke (7.5), playing under the FIDE flag, took the second spot while Suleymenov (7) finished third.

Impressive show

The prodigious 16-year-old, rated 2648, has gained 12.5 rating points following this impressive performance and jumped 17 places to 90th.

Former National champion Aravindh Chithambaram won the 41st Benasque Open chess title in Benasque, Spain, on Friday.

In the 10-round tournament, fourth seed Aravindh topped a 10-way tie for the title at eight points.

Meanwhile in Biel, Switzerland, D. Gukesh breached the 2700-rating barrier in live rating following a dominating 49-move victory over Vietnam's Le Quang Liem (rated 2722) in the Biel/Bienne Grandmasters Triathlon on Saturday.

The victory with black pieces gave Gukesh 5.5 rating points, raised his live rating to 2703.9 and placed him 32nd in live rankings.

Viswanathan Anand (12th), P. Harikrishna (24th) and Vidit Gujrathi (28th) are the only Indians in the top-30 bracket.

322-member team for CWG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Indian Olympic Association on Saturday announced a 322-strong contingent, including 107 officials and support staff, for the Birmingham Commonwealth Games to be held between July 28 and August 8.

Rajesh Bhandari, vice president of Boxing Federation of India (BFI), is the chef de mission of the squad. Team India will compete in 15 sporting disciplines as well as four disciplines in the para sports category.

The athletes and officials will be staying at five different "Villages", which will officially open on July 23, with the women's cricket team being put up in a separate facility in the Birmingham city centre.

Various members of the squad have already reached Birmingham over the past few days, depending on their training regimes laid out by their respective coaches.

The Indian team will look to improve upon its 2018 CWG performance, where it finished third.

Sindhu sails into final

Takes on China's World No. 11 Wang

Total focus: Sindhu sent Kawakami packing in just 32 minutes. • GETTY IMAGES

SINGAPORE OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SINGAPORE

P.V. Sindhu stormed into the Singapore Open final with a commanding win over Japanese Saena Kawakami in the women's singles semifinals here on Saturday.

Sindhu, a double Olympic medallist, who had claimed two Super 300 titles – the Syed Modi International and Swiss Open – this year, won 21-15, 21-7 over World No. 38 Kawakami in a 32-minute clash.

The 27-year-old from Hyderabad, who also claimed bronze at the Asian Championships this year, is now one win away from her maiden Super 500 title of the 2022 season.

In the final, the third-seeded Indian will face China's 22-year-old Wang Zhi Yi, the reigning Asian Championships champion, who was also part of the Uber Cup team, which won silver at Bangkok this year. Wang beat Japan's Ohori Aya 21-14, 21-14.

Sindhu had defeated World No. 11 Wang in their only meeting at the All England Championships this year. Wang had also reached the final of the Indonesia Open Super 1000 in June.

Matthews takes stage 14

REUTERS
MENDE

Australian Michael Matthews completed a vintage ride to win the 14th stage of the Tour de France on Saturday, a hilly trek from Saint Etienne to Mende, as Jonas Vingegaard held off defending champion Tadej Pogacar to retain the yellow jersey.

Matthews went solo from the day's breakaway with 51 kilometres to go, and after being caught by a trio of chasers he attacked again on the final ascent, a brutal 3-km effort at 10.2%.

Alberto Bettiol managed to rein him in once more, only for Matthews to come back and go solo again to beat the Italian by 15 seconds. Thibaut Pinot came home third as the race's French riders continue to fight for their first stage win this year.

Vingegaard still leads Pogacar by two minutes and 22 seconds overall, with Geraint Thomas in third place, 2:43 off the pace.

Sunday's 15th stage is a 202.5-km ride from Rodez to Carcassonne before a rest day.

Sable in final after a fighting finish

Long-jumper Sreeshankar qualifies

Making the grade: Sable in action in the 3000m steeplechase. • PTI

WORLD C'SHIPS

SPORTS BUREAU

Avinash Sable came up with a fighting finish as he pipped Eritrea's Yemane Haileselassie to take the third spot in his 3000m steeplechase heat and grab an automatic berth to the final at the World Athletics Championships at Eugene, USA, on Friday.

It is the second time the National record holder – who led the pack for half the race – is making the final at the Worlds after Doha 2019.

Meanwhile, M. Sreeshankar became the first Indian man to qualify for the long jump final at the Worlds, finishing second in his group (with 8m) behind Olympic champion Miltiadis Tentoglou (8.03m).

Only two jumpers made the automatic qualification mark of 8.15m and Olympian Sreeshankar was seventh overall. Jeswin Aldrin (7.79, 20th overall) and Muhammed Anees (7.73, 23rd) failed to make the 12-man final in their debut Worlds.

There was disappointment in the men's and women's 20km race walk with Sandeep Kumar (1:31.58s, 40th out of 43 finishers) and Priyanka (1:39.42s, 34th out of 36 finishers) faring badly in the finals.

And in the men's shot put, Asian record holder Tajinderpal Singh Toor chose to retire from the qualification round after a couple of warm-up puts. Later, he revealed to PTI that he had suffered a groin injury four days ago and would not be able to compete in the CWG.

Allyson Felix rides off into the sunset with a bronze

ASSOCIATED PRESS
EUGENE

For 15 memorable seconds on Friday night at the World Athletics Championships here, Allyson Felix was sprinting alone in the sunshine, cruising past the stands and far ahead of the field down the backstretch.

Last big stage

A few minutes later, she was taking her newly won prize and hanging it around her three-year-old daughter's neck. "I felt the love," Felix said of her final run on the big stage. "And I felt joy running tonight."

She's 36 now. So it was no huge shock that a runner 11 years her junior, Marileidy Paulino of the winning Dominican Republic team, eventually reeled her in.

The USA, saving the rest of its vaunted star power for big races over the next nine days, finished third in the mixed 4x400m relay, behind the Netherlands.

The third-place finish still gave Felix her 19th medal at World Championships, extending a record she already held. Adding it to the 11 she's taken at the Olympics, she'll end her career with an even 30 at her sport's biggest events.

Felix was entered only in the mixed relay after failing to qualify for the Worlds in an individual race.

Meanwhile, in the men's 100m heats, American Fred Kerley, last year's Olympic silver medallist, finished in 9.79s – a blazing-fast time for a preliminary round that was only 0.03 off his season high and was 0.01 faster than Italian Marcel Jacobs' victory last year in Tokyo.

All the other big names advanced: Jacobs, Marvin Bracy, Olympic bronze medalist Andre De Grasse, 2011 world champion Yohan Blake and Christian Coleman, who is defending his world title after missing the Olympics because of a suspension related to missed doping tests.

Peru's first

The meet's first medals came in the 20km race walk, where Kimberly Garcia Leon won Peru's first-ever medal at the Worlds in a time of 1:26:28s. Toshikazu Yamanishi of Japan successfully defended his men's title in 1:19.07.

The results: Men: 20km race walk: 1. Toshikazu Yamanishi (Jpn) 1:19:07s; 2. Koki Ikeda (Jpn) 1:19:14s; 3. Perseus Karlstrom (Swe) 1:19:18s.
Women: 20km race walk: 1. Kimberly Garcia Leon (Per) 1:26:28s; 2. Katarzyna Zdzieblo (Pol) 1:27:31s; 3. Shijie Qieyang (Chn) 1:27:56s.
Mixed 4x400m relay: 1. Dominican Republic 3:09.82s; 2. Netherlands 3:09:90s; 3. USA 3:10.16s.

Allyson Felix. • REUTERS

Golden smiles: Dominican Republic's Ogando, Andres Feliz, Paulino and Cofil celebrate the mixed 4x400m win. • REUTERS

McIlroy in the van

Hovland in second place; Smith falters

In full flow: McIlroy hits out during the third round on Saturday. • AP

BRITISH OPEN

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ST. ANDREWS

Rory McIlroy went into the lead at the British Open for the first time this week at St. Andrews after the 14th hole in the third round on Saturday.

McIlroy's approach on the par-5 14th got over the steep hump and set up a two-putt birdie to reach 16-under par. He was one shot ahead of Viktor Hovland, whose 8-foot birdie putt spun around the lip. Ahead of them and behind them was calamity.

Dustin Johnson putting over the mound on the 14th with so much pace it went off the green and into a pot bunker. He made a second straight bogey and fell six shots behind.

Overnight leader Cameron Smith was caught trying to do too much and it cost him. had to stand in a pot bunker to try to play a shot with the ball in the grass about waist high. Instead of chipping back to safety, he smothered the shot into a hill. The third shot found more rough and he made double bogey. Smith, who started with a two-shot lead, was five behind.

Exit of champions

Meanwhile on Friday, the last four champions who won their titles on the Old Course missed the cut. Zach Johnson (2015), Louis Oosthuizen (2010), Tiger Woods (2005, 2000) and John Daly (1995) all finished over par after two rounds. The cut was at even-par 144.

Defending champion Collin Morikawa, Phil Mickelson, Henrik Stenson, Ernie Els and Padraig Harrington also failed to make the final weekend.